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First NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group (ANI/WG) Search and Rescue (SAR) Implementation Task Force Meeting

(ANI/WG/SAR/TF/1)

Final Report

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ii.1   Place and Date of the Meeting

The First NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group (ANI/WG) Search and Rescue (SAR) Implementation Task Force Meeting (ANI/WG/SAR/TF/1) was held at the ICAO NACC Regional Office in Mexico City, Mexico, from 17 to 19 September 2019.

ii.2   Opening Ceremony

Mr. Julio Siu, Deputy Regional Director of the North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), highlighted the importance of the Search and Rescue implementation to improve the levels of safety in the NAM/CAR Regions and the needed active involvement of all the stakeholders, such as authorities, air navigation service providers, industry and users.

Mr. Melvin Cintron, Regional Director of the ICAO NACC Regional Office, provided opening remarks, welcomed the participants to Mexico City, Mexico and officially opened the meeting.

ii.3   Officers of the Meeting

The ANI/WG/SAR/TF/1 Meeting was chaired by Mr. Calvin Zúniga Coello, from Central American Corporation for Air Navigation Services (COCESNA). Mr. Eddian Méndez, ATM/SAR Regional Officer of the ICAO NACC Regional Office served as Secretary of the Meeting.

ii.4   Working Languages

The working languages of the Meeting were English and Spanish. The working papers, information papers and report of the meeting were available to participants in both languages.

ii.5   Schedule and Working Arrangements

It was agreed that the working hours for the sessions of the meeting would be from 09:00 to 15:30 hours daily with adequate breaks. The Meeting formed Ad hoc groups to carry out additional work on specific agenda items.

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The Meeting was attended by 11 States/Territories from the CAR Region and one International Organization, totalling 18 delegates as indicated in the list of participants.

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The Meeting recorded its activities as Conclusions and Decisions. An executive summary of these draft conclusion and decision is presented in the **Appendix A** to this report.

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WP/01	1	Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Schedule	23/07/19	Secretariat
WP/02	4.2	GADSS Appendix to the CAR Regional Search and Rescue Plan – United States	16/08/19	United States
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NE/06	3.2	Propuesta para la Capacitación de los Especialistas SAR y Formación de los Inspectores de esta Especialidad a Nivel Regional (*available only in Spanish*)	29/08/19	Cuba
WP/07	2.1	Proposal of the Terms of Reference	30/08/19	Secretariat

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WP/08	3.2	Review of the CAR Regional Search and Rescue Plan	02/09/19	Secretariat
WP/09	3.1 & 3.3	SAR Planning and Future Activities	02/09/19	Secretariat
WP/10	3.2	Importance of the CAR Regional SAR Plan	06/09/19	Dominican Republic
NE/11	4.1	Informe Reunión/Centro Coordinador de Búsqueda y Salvamento-RCC, Sub-centros Coordinadores de Búsqueda y Salvamento-RSC y Unidades de Primera Respuesta, Décima Novena Reunión COBUSA (*available only in Spanish*)	10/09/19	COBUSA

		INFORMATION PAPERS		
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IP/01	--	List of Working, Information Papers and Presentations	13/09/19	Secretariat
NI/02	4.3	Acuerdo de Colaboración Interinstitucional entre el Instituto Dominicano de Aviación Civil (IDAC) y el Ejército de República Dominicana (ERD) (*available only in Spanish*)	29/07/19	Dominican Republic
NI/03	4.3	Acuerdo de Colaboración Interinstitucional entre el Instituto Dominicano de Aviación Civil (IDAC) y la Armada de la República Dominicana (ARD) (*available only in Spanish*)	29/07/19	Dominican Republic
NI/04	4.3	Acuerdo de Colaboración Interinstitucional entre el Instituto Dominicano de Aviación Civil (IDAC) y la Fuerza Aérea de la República Dominicana (FARD) (*available only in Spanish*)	29/07/19	Dominican Republic
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Agenda Item 1   **Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Schedule**

1.1   The Meeting elected Mr. Calvin Zúniga Coello, Rescue Coordination Centre/Search and Rescue (SAR) Point of Contact (SPOC) (RCC/SPOC), Coordinator from COCESNA, as the Chairperson.

1.2   The Secretariat presented WP/01 and invited the Meeting to approve the Provisional Agenda and Schedule. The Meeting approved the Agenda and Schedule as presented.

Agenda Item 2   **Terms of Reference of the ANI/WG Search and Rescue (SAR) Implementation Task Force**

2.1   Approval of Terms of Reference

2.1.1   The Secretariat presented WP/07 with a proposal of the SAR Task Force Terms of Reference, for acceptance. The establishment of the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force is primarily aimed at supporting the achievement of the implementation of the SAR related Regional Performance Objective, included in the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP). Through the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force Work Programme and Activities, the Region will obtain the required guidance and collaboration to support compliance with the ICAO Annex 12 – *Search and Rescue* Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), the Caribbean Regional Search and Rescue (SAR) Plan and a harmonized platform for support and collaboration.

2.1.2   The Meeting agreed that the SAR Task Force would be comprised of 12 representatives from States, Territories and International Organizations members of the ANI/WG. In this sense, the following conclusion was agreed:

CONCLUSION ANI/WG/SAR/TF/1/01	APPROVAL OF THE ANI/WG SAR IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE TERMS OF REFERENCE	
That, in order to allow the proper functioning of the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force, a) the ANI/WG approve the terms of reference, shown in **Appendix B** to this report; b) each State and Territory from the NAM/CAR Regions to appoint Points of Contact for the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force, in order to keep updated the ANI/WG with the ANI/WG SAR initiatives and activities of the NAM and CAR Regions, by **31 December 2019**.	**Expected impact:** ☐ Political / Global ☐ Inter-regional ☒ Economic ☐ Environmental ☒ Operational/Technical	
Why: Establishment of the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force activities		
When: 31 December 2019	**Status:** ☒ Valid / ☐ Superseded / ☐ Completed	
Who: ☒ States ☐ ICAO ☒ Other:	ANI/WG	

2.2 Election of the Rapporteur

2.2.1   The Meeting elected Mr. Calvin Zúniga Coello, SAR RCC/SPOC Coordinator from COCESNA, as the Task Force Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 3   **Regional Performance Objective Improve Search and Rescue (SAR) Services of the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP) and the CAR Regional SAR plan**

3.1   **Review the Regional Performance Objective *Improve Search and Rescue Services***

3.1.1   Under this Agenda Item the Secretariat presented WP/09 to review the Regional Performance Objective Improve Search and Rescue (SAR) Services of the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP) and pending SAR related activities with a proposal to incorporate derived actions to the ANI/WG SAR Task Force Work Programme. The Meeting reviewed this Working Paper and developed the first Work Programme of activities for the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force.

3.2   **Review the CAR Regional SAR Plan**

3.2.1   United States presented WP/05 which includes the current status report of the Space System for Search of Vessels in Distress (COSPAS) - Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking (SARSAT) Programme and outline content which may be appropriate for updating the Caribbean Regional Search and Rescue Plan. The Meeting agreed with the proposal made by United States and decided to assign this task to the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force, in order to update the Caribbean Regional Search and Rescue Plan accordingly.

3.2.2   Cuba presented WP/06 with a proposal to develop a SAR Regional training programme to be included in the Caribbean Regional Search and Rescue Plan. The Meeting agreed with the proposal presented by Cuba, and decided to include these actions in the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force Work Programme

3.2.3   In this sense, the Meeting agreed the following decision:

DECISION	
ANI/WG/SAR/TF/1/02	**CARIBBEAN REGION SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) PLAN UPDATE**

What:	**Expected impact:**
That, considering the decisions derived from the Sessions of the ICAO Assembly 40th, and required updates from initial review, the NAM/CAR ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force, a) conducts a thorough review of the Caribbean Region Search and Rescue (SAR) Plan; and b) present the results to the Second NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group (ANI/WG) Search and Rescue (SAR) Implementation Task Force Meeting (**ANI/WG/SAR/TF/2**).	☐ Political / Global ☐ Inter-regional ☐ Economic ☐ Environmental ☒ Operational/Technical

Why:		
To update the guidelines for CAR regional SAR implementation		
When: ANI/WG SAR/TF/2 Meeting	**Status:** ☒ Valid / ☐ Superseded / ☐ Completed	
Who: ☐ States ☐ ICAO ☒ Other:	ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force	

3.3 Follow-up on Regional SAR Valid Conclusions/Decisions and Deficiencies

3.3.1 Under this Agenda Item no papers were presented.

3.4 SAR compliance from Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) information

3.4.1 Under this Agenda Item no papers were presented.

Agenda Item 4   **Regional Performance Objective Improve Search and Rescue (SAR) Services of the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP) and the CAR Regional SAR plan**

4.1 Global and Regional Search and Rescue (SAR) Matters

4.1.1   Under this Agenda Item, the Central American Committee of Search and Rescue (COBUSA) presented WP/11 with a review and analysis of the Central American SAR Plan. During the Nineteenth Meeting of COBUSA, held in El Salvador, from 20 to 22 August 2019, the Secretariat of the Committee emphasized the need to review and analyse the "Caribbean Regional SAR Plan", which was sent by the ICAO NACC Regional Office, for acceptance. COBUSA made a very accurate analysis of the current situation of the provision of SAR services in Central America, with specific actions to improve these services in accordance with ICAO requirements.

4.1.2   Trinidad and Tobago presented IP/06, and accompanying P/04, to provide an overview of Search and Rescue services (SARs) in Trinidad and Tobago and within the Piarco Flight Information Region (FIR), for which Trinidad and Tobago has responsibility. The current Eastern Caribbean (E/CAR) Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) details the SAR services for the States within the Piarco FIR/Control Area (CTA)/Upper Control Area (UTA), provided by the relevant Civil Aviation Administrations in collaboration with the respective Rescue Coordination Centres (RCCs), which make the necessary SAR facilities available. The E/CAR AIP lists one (1) RCC and four (4) Rescue Sub-Centres (RSCs) within the Piarco FIR/CTA/UTA. There is the Piarco Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC), and the Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Fort-de-France and Guadeloupe Rescue Sub-Centres.

4.1.3   United States showed P/01 to provide updated information regarding the Autonomous Distress Tracking (ADT), and the initiatives of ICAO to implement the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) in order to enhance aviation safety for crew and passengers of commercial aircraft and SAR responders. 2019 edition of the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual contains general guidance regarding GADSS that applies to certain aircraft, to ensure timely detection of aircraft in a distress condition (timely initiation of SAR and tracking of aircraft in a distress condition) and timely accurate location of end of flight (accurate direction of SAR actions). The ADT function would be used to identify the location of an aircraft in a distress condition with the aim of establishing, to a reasonable extent, the location of an accident site within a 6 NM radius. The accuracy of position information shall, as a minimum, meet the position accuracy requirements established for Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs).

4.1.4   With P/02, COCESNA provided information regarding its eXpert-SAR – Tracking System. This system supports the management of emergency messages received by COSPAS-SARSAT, by monitoring ELT, Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) and Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) alert triggers, and managing the coordination of rescue activities among RCC, RSC and other related entities. Its main objective is to allow all search and rescue coordination carried out in the shortest possible time, to record coordination activities between the parties involved in the messages received and manage pilot reports regarding ELT alerts reported to air traffic controllers. The messages submitted to RCC are assigned to the States by the SAR/TS System. Those messages are immediately received by the States, so that they can reach appropriate coordination. The system submits the messages through Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunication Network (AFTN)/Aeronautical Message Handling System (AMHS).

4.2   Follow-up to recommendations of 2018 NAM/CAR Search and Rescue (SAR) Implementation and Civil-military Coordination Meeting

4.2.1   The United States presented WP/02, WP/03 and WP/04, as a follow-up action to develop basic guidelines to define search and rescue services requirements and interactions to support Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS), which shall be included as an Appendix to the CAR Regional SAR Plan. The three Working Papers provide important information that should be taken into consideration in order to provide regional guidelines for GADSS to be included in the CAR Regional SAR Plan. The Meeting agreed that, based on the decision of the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly, the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force shall complete a proposed smooth text for consideration to be included in the CAR Regional SAR Plan.

4.3   SAR Agreements

4.3.1   Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting reviewed IP/02, IP/03 and IP/04, presented by Dominican Republic to inform the region regarding the collaboration agreements signed between the Dominican Civil Aviation Institute (IDAC) and the Dominican Republic Army (ERD), the Dominican Republic Navy (ARD) and the Dominican Republic Air Force (FARD), respectively, in order to support search and rescue activities in Dominican Republic.

4.3.2   Dominican Republic presented P/03 to provide information regarding the activities conducted by the Naval Auxiliary of Dominican Republic to support search and rescue operations.

4.4 Civil Military Coordination

4.4.1   Dominican Republic presented IP/05, to provide information regarding the establishment and preparation of the SAR Database of the American continent. The Conference of Defense Ministers of America (CMDA) was created in 1995 as forum to promote international multilateral policies. The CMDA encourages reciprocal support and exchange of ideas, with emphasis on support in case of situations of calamities or emergencies in the Member States. CMDA is the highest-level civil-military coordination body in our continent. During the XIII Conference, held in Mexico City, Mexico, in 2018, an Ad Hoc Group was created to develop cooperation and coordination mechanisms on the topics of Search and Rescue (SAR), preparing a Compendium or SAR Database, presented at the XIV CMDA Conference, held recently in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The Compendium or SAR Database prepared by the CMDA can be found at https://www.cmda-info.net/compendio-sar .

4.5 SAR Coordination and Emergency Response for Natural Disasters

4.5.1   Under this Agenda Item no papers were presented.

4.6 Approval of the SAR Implementation Task Force Work Programme and Activities

4.6.1   Taking as a reference the WP/09, presented by the Secretariat, and the additional discussions carried out throughout the meeting, the SAR Implementation Task Force Work Programme was developed, presented as an Appendix to the abovementioned WP.

4.6.2   The Meeting agreed the Task Force shall conduct quarterly teleconference to follow up the agreed actions.

4.6.3   The Second NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group (ANI/WG) Search and Rescue (SAR) Implementation Task Force Meeting (ANI/WG/SAR/TF/2) is scheduled to be held at the ICAO NACC Regional Office, in Mexico City, from 11 to 13 August 2020.

4.6.4   In this sense, the following conclusion was formulated:

CONCLUSION	
ANI/WG/SAR/TF/1/03	**APPROVAL OF THE SAR IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE WORK PROGRAMME**

What:	**Expected impact:**
That, taking as a reference the proposal presented in the First Search and Rescue (SAR Task Force Meeting, the ANI/WG approve the SAR implementation Task Force work programme and its related activities.	☐ Political / Global ☐ Inter-regional ☐ Economic ☐ Environmental ☒ Operational/Technical

Why:	
To guide the SAR Task Force Activities	

When: NACC/WG/6	**Status:** ☒ Valid / ☐ Superseded / ☐ Completed
Who: ☐ States ☐ ICAO ☒ Other:	NACC/WG

Agenda Item 5   Other Business

5.1   No other business were discussed.

APPENDIX A
EXECUTIVE LIST OF CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Number	Conclusions/Decisions	Responsible for action	Deadline
1/1	**APPROVAL OF THE ANI/WG SAR IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE TERMS OF REFERENCE**		
	That, in order to allow the proper functioning of the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force,		
	a) the ANI/WG approve the terms of reference, shown in **Appendix B** to this report;	ANI/WG	31 December 2019
	b) each State and Territory from the NAM/CAR Regions to appoint Points of Contact for the ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force, in order to keep updated the ANI/WG with the ANI/WG SAR initiatives and activities of the NAM and CAR Regions, by **31 December 2019**.	NAM/CAR States and Territories	31 December 2019
1/2	**CARIBBEAN REGION SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) PLAN UPDATE**		
	That, considering the decisions derived from the Sessions of the ICAO Assembly 40th, and required updates from initial review, the NAM/CAR ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force,		
	a) conducts a thorough review of the Caribbean Region Search and Rescue (SAR) Plan; and	ANI/WG SAR TF	ANI/WG SAR/TF/2 Meeting
	b) present the results to the Second NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group (ANI/WG) Search and Rescue (SAR) Implementation Task Force Meeting (ANI/WG/SAR/TF/2).	ANI/WG SAR TF	ANI/WG SAR/TF/2 Meeting
1/3	**APPROVAL OF THE SAR IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE WORK PROGRAMME**		
	That, taking as a reference the proposal presented in the First Search and Rescue (SAR Task Force Meeting, the ANI/WG approve the SAR implementation Task Force work programme and its related activities.	ANI/WG	NACC/WG/6

APPENDIX B

**ANI/WG SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE
TERMS OF REFERENCE (TORs)**

1.   Background

1.1   During the Fifth ANI/WG Meeting, a Search and Rescue Implementation Task Force was formed in order to streamline related Search and Rescue Implementation Activities and enhance regional cooperation to comply with Annex 12 SARPs and regionally agreed targets. This Task Force shall promote SAR implementation in accordance with the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP), as well as update and report progress to the ANI/WG based on the action plan for these tasks.

2.   Responsibilities

2.1   The Task Force is responsible to:

a)   develop and implement a Work Programme to ensure the continuous and coherent provision of SAR services in the NAM/CAR Regions, according with the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP) and agreed targets, in a manner that is harmonized with adjacent Search and Rescue Regions (SRR), consistent with ICAO SARPs and the Global Air Navigation Plan;

b)   appoint the Task Force Rapporteur from its members;

c)   facilitate and support the establishment and operation of the SAR System by States, Territories and ANSPs, according to the different requirements and level of maturity; and

d)   review, identify and address deficiencies that impede the implementation or adequate provision of efficient SAR in the NAM/CAR Regions, propose actions to address them to improve SAR operations.

2.2   Responsibilities of the Members

a)   Attend Task Force Meetings and Teleconferences
b)   Collaborate with the development and implementation of the Task Force Work Programme
c)   Comply with the agreed tasks and activities as assigned

2.3   Responsibilities of the Rapporteur

a)   Lead the development and implementation of the Task Force Work Programme and activities
b)   Follow up on the compliance with the RPOs

c) Report to the ANI/WG the compliance with the Task Force Work Programme and RPOs related tasks

2.4 Responsibilities of the Secretariat

a) The ICAO NACC ATM/SAR Regional Officer will serve as the Secretary of the Task Force meetings

b) He/she is responsible to support the Task Force activities, providing guidance and assistance to the connection of the Task Force Work Programme and the RPBANIP

c) In coordination with the Rapporteur, develop and present to the members the annual programme of activities

d) In coordination with the Rapporteur, convene the Task Force activities, teleconferences and meetings

e) Maintain up to date the Task Force documentation, Work Programme and membership and other relevant SAR/TF information in the ICAO NACC ANI/WG website

2.5 Responsibilities of the States

a) Support the participation of its members, according to the role and responsibilities assigned

b) Request accountability for the development and implementation of SAR Work Programme in the NAM/CAR Regions

3. Membership

3.1 The SAR Task Force shall be comprised of 12 representatives from States, Territories and International Organizations members of the ANI/WG.

3.1.1 States, Territories, International Organizations and members of the ANI/WG are encouraged to nominate Points of Contact (PoCs) to the SAR Task Force, who will be actively involved with the work of the Task Force.

3.2 States, Territories and International Organizations nominating members to the SAR Task Force shall provide the adequate support and authority in order to make decisions on behalf of the State/ANSP to comply with the requirements of the Task Force.

4. Working Methods

4.1 The Task Force will:

a) present its Work Programme containing activities in terms of objectives, responsibilities, deliverables and timelines;

b) the Task Force Rapporteur and the Secretariat will coordinate an annual programme of activities to comply with the requirements of the approved Work Programme;

c)   avoid duplicating work within the ANI/WG and maintain close coordination among the existing entities to optimize use of available resources and experience;

d)   designate, as necessary, Ad Hoc Groups to work on specific topics and activities, and organize clearly defined tasks and activities;

e)   convene annual face to face meetings and quarterly teleconferences to maximize efficiency and reduce costs; and

f)   report on and coordinate the progress of assigned tasks to the ANI/WG.

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