

## **<sup>1</sup>SAMPLE LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A SAR ORGANIZATION**

Note: The sample legislation can be adapted for the use by aeronautical, maritime, or authorities of both.

[Type of Legislation] of the [Legislative Body]

concerning

the establishment of a Search and Rescue Organization

[Date]

### **Article 1**

A Search and Rescue Organization shall be established for the provision of search and rescue services to

[State's aeronautical or maritime] craft, and foreign craft.

The Search and Rescue Organization shall, as far as its primary function permits, assist in other emergencies.

### **Article 2**

The [Departments in charge of Civil Aviation and/or Merchant Marine] shall be responsible for the organization and operation of the Search and Rescue Organization.

### **Article 3**

During search and rescue operations, the [Departments in charge of Civil Aviation and/or Merchant Marine] shall be entitled to call for the collaboration and support of other Government services.

The [Departments in charge of Civil Aviation and/or Merchant Marine] shall be authorized to conclude agreements concerning the provision of assistance with local (State, provincial, municipal) authorities and suitable private agencies or persons.

### **Article 4**

The [Departments in charge of Civil Aviation and/or Merchant] shall be responsible for negotiating the terms of international agreements with the Search and rescue organization of other States\*.

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<sup>1</sup> \*Depending on the administrative practices, agreements of this type may have to be endorsed at higher levels.  
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All Government services concerned shall take measures to facilitate, as far as possible, the immediate and temporary entry of personnel, and their equipment, from other States who, in agreement with the [Departments in charge of civil Aviation and/or Merchant Marine] are participating in search and rescue operations.

All Government services concerned shall seek to implement, as appropriate, the search and rescue recommendations and standards of [the international Civil Aviation Organization and /or the International Maritime Organization].

### **Article 5**

Questions of assignment of costs, connected with the conduct of a search and rescue operation, shall not be allowed to interfere with its prompt and effective execution by the [Departments in charge of Civil Aviation and/or Merchant Marine].

### **Article 6**

This [type of legislation] shall be effective as of [date]

[place] [date]

For the [legislative body]

[signature]

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