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Virtual Workshop on the establishment of an effective
Search and Rescue (SAR) organization

**MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON THE COORDINATION OF
SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES – EAST AFRICAN EXAMPLE**

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PREAMBLE

Recognize – the importance of cooperation in SAR and provision of expeditious and effective SAR services

Desire - to implement provisions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, its Annexes and technical documents relevant to SAR



PREAMBLE

Consider– that the Agreement does not undermine sovereignty claims by either Party on any territory or part thereof

Seek – to provide an overall plan for SAR coordination, use of available resources, mutual assistance and efforts to improve SAR services

Agree – as outlined in the various Articles of the Agreement



ARTICLES

- The number of Articles will depend on whether the agreement is;

Bilateral



or

Multilatera





ARTICLES

The current **Agreement has 14 Articles**

Article 1 – Definitions and Abbreviations

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SCOPE

Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- Exchange of SAR information
- Support each other by pooling SAR facilities for operations within their respective SRR's
- Make and respond to requests for operational assistance between designated RCC's or (RSC's) of the Parties as capabilities allow



SCOPE

- Exchange of information on the available SAR resources to ensure mutual knowledge of each other's SAR capabilities
- Utilize standard SAR procedures and communications appropriate for cooperation and co-ordination between SAR assets of the Parties responding to the same distress incident, and for co-operation and co-ordination between the RCC's of the Parties



SCOPE

- Apply the guidance of the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) and any other relevant Manuals regarding SAR operational procedures and communications
- Application of standard agreed SAR procedures in order to save human life in distress



SCOPE

- Entry by various types of SAR assets into the territorial waters or the Air defence Identification Zone (ADIZ) as the case maybe of the other Party. (this shall exclusively be for SAR operations purposes)
- Facilitation of entry of various types of SAR assets exclusively for SAR operations purposes' into the territory of the territorial waters or ADIZ as the case maybe



SCOPE

- Conducting communication checks at least once every calendar month to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of SAR communication links
- Conducting SAR exercises as mutually agreed from time to time



SCOPE

- Subject to the domestic law of respective countries concerning the ownership of intellectual property and copyright, the exchange of SAR operational and procedural manuals and amendments to those manuals with a view to developing uniform procedures



SCOPE

- Entering into other collaborative SAR efforts which may include:-
 - Mutual visits by SAR personnel of the Parties;
 - Joint training or exercises;
 - Co-operation in development of SAR procedures, techniques, equipment, or facilities;
 - Exchanging of pertinent SAR or communication information;
 - Establishment of one or more SAR committees to provide a means for ongoing co-operation in improving SAR effectiveness



OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

- Either Party shall fund its own activities in relation to this Agreement unless otherwise arranged by the Parties in advance
- The matter of the reimbursement of cost shall not delay response in distress



DISPUTES SETTLEMENT

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Parties



NOTIFICATION TO ICAO

- The Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization shall be notified of the Agreement in place
- Notification is through the respective ICAO Regional office Director



SIGNATURES

Suggested text;

‘The undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Agreement in duplicate in the English language both texts being equally authentic’



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