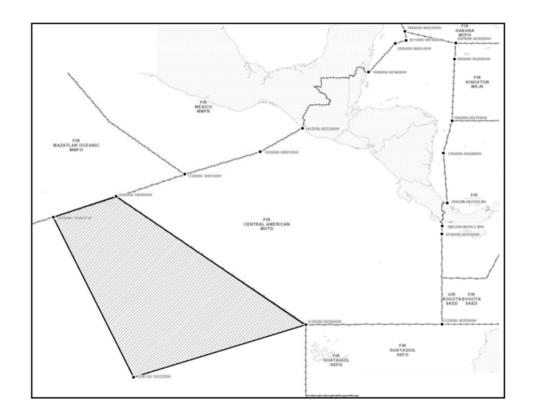




Implementation of multinational operational agreements to provide Search and Rescue services in the high seas airspace Introduction

- From July 22-24, 2019, a Special Coordination Meeting for unassigned Airspace at High Seas (SCM/1) was held at the SAM regional office in Lima, Peru.
- As a result of this meeting, ICAO proposed an amendment to Volumes I and II of the Air Navigation Plan (ANP). It was determined that the Central American States were in a position to assume responsibility for providing search and rescue (SAR) services in the area specified in the next image.





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Multinational Agreements

 According to ICAO, States, either individually or in cooperation with other States, shall ensure that they have the necessary resources to establish and provide Search and Rescue (SAR) services within their territories in a timely manner, with the objective of ensuring assistance to persons in distress.





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- To provide SAR service in the high seas airspace, Central American States are contemplating the implementation of multinational agreements.
- Implies the creation and application of collaborative protocols and procedures between different countries to coordinate and carry out search and rescue operations in international maritime areas.





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Support each other by sharing SAR assets for Operations within their respective Search and Rescue regions (to the extent possible, according to the actual technical capabilities of the SAR environment).

Apply the guidance of Annex 12 to the Chicago Convention and the international aeronautical and maritime SAR manuals with respect to SAR operational procedures and communications.

Develop appropriate procedures and communications for coordinating the assets of parties attending the same distress incident and for coordination at the parties' RCCs or RSCs; and

Collaborate to establish and implement, to the extent possible, agreed operational procedures that balance jurisdictional interests and the goal of saving lives.



Action

- a) The meeting is invited to take note of the information presented.
- b) ICAO, IATA, and other interested parties are requested to promote the establishment of multinational agreements for the provision of Search and Rescue service on the high seas.



Questions?