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REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING
 ON
 MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE IN THE
 WESTERN CARIBBEAN SUBREGION



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The Second Meeting on Maritime Search and Rescue in the Western Caribbean Subregion was held in the office of ICAO (Mexico) on 19 and 20 September 1983.

Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras were represented together with ICAO and COCATRAM.

In welcoming the delegates Mr. Roberto Malvido, Acting Regional Representative of ICAO, informed the meeting that the Central American States had decided to reformulate the aviation SAR plan for Central America with each country having its own RCC and RSCs as necessary in place of the existing regional RCC. The timing of the maritime meeting was therefore auspicious as Central American States had the opportunity of developing maritime and aviation SAR plans in parallel.

Speaking on behalf of both IMO and ECLA Mr. Peter Wickenden pointed out that a second meeting had been called because Central America had not developed its areas of responsibility for Maritime SAR as had the rest of the Caribbean and it was important that this be done prior to the final Maritime SAR Meeting so that a regional plan could be completed.

Captain Arévalo, leader of the Mexican Delegation gave a description of the Mexican draft Maritime SAR Plan and a description of the facilities needed to establish an RCC and RSC including required training.

The meeting agreed that an attempt should be made to define proposed SAR boundaries for each country in Central America. Although Costa Rica, Belize and Panama did not attend it was agreed that an attempt should be made and this was supported by the representative of Comision Centro Americana de Transporte Maritimo (COCATRAM).

The proposed SAR boundaries are given in Annex I. It was agreed that these would be considered by individual states and finalized at the final Maritime SAR Meeting. COCATRAM undertook to inform the countries not represented. This proposal would also be placed before the forthcoming Civil Aviation SAR Meeting for consideration.

A list of people who attended is given at Annex II.

Annex I

Guatemala (Pacific)

From the coast at the boundary with Mexico:

14° 23'N 92° 22'W

11° 58'N 94° 26'W

12° 00'N 92° 00'W

To the coast at boundary with El Salvador

13° 45'N 90° 08'W

El Salvador

From the coast at the boundary with Guatemala:

13° 45'N 90° 08'W

12° 00'N 92° 00'W

11° 00'N 89° 25'W

13° 11'N 87° 38'W

To the coast at boundary with Honduras:

13° 25'N 87° 49'W

Nicaragua

From the coast at the boundary with Honduras:

12° 58'N 87° 29'W

13° 11'N 87° 38'W

11° 00'N 89° 25'W

08° 48'N 87° 53'W

To the coast at the boundary with Costa Rica:

11° 06'N 85° 49'W

Honduras

From the coast at the boundary with El Salvador:

13° 25'N 87° 49'W

13° 11'N 87° 38'W

To the coast at the boundary with Nicaragua:

12° 58'N 87° 29'W

Costa Rica

From the coast at the boundary with Nicaragua:

11° 06'N 85° 43'W

08° 48'N 87° 53'W

07° 30'N 82° 55'W

To the coast at the boundary with Panama:

08° 30'N 83° 03'W

Guatemala (Caribe)

From the coast at the boundary with Belize:

15° 54'N 88° 55'W

16° 10'N 88° 15'W

To the coast at the boundary with Honduras:

15° 44'N 88° 15'W

Belize

From the coast at the boundary with Guatemala:

15° 54'N 88° 55'W

16° 10'N 88° 15'W

17° 55'N 86° 55'W

17° 55'N 87° 26'W

To the coast at the boundary with Mexico:

18° 03'N 87° 39'W

Honduras

From the coast at the boundary with Guatemala:

15° 44'N	88° 15'W
16° 10'N	88° 15'W
17° 55'N	86° 55'W
17° 47'N	86° 09'W
18° 10'N	85° 32'W
19° 08'N	85° 08'W
19° 32'N	84° 39'W
20° 00'N	84° 55'W
20° 00'N	83° 00'W
19° 00'N	83° 00'W
19° 00'N	82° 05'W
15° 00'N	82° 15'W

To the coast at the boundary with Nicaragua:

15° 00'N	83° 09'W
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Nicaragua:

From the coast at the boundary with Honduras:

15° 00'N	83° 09'W
15° 18'N	82° 15'W
11° 00'N	82° 49'W

To the coast at the boundary with Costa Rica:

10° 56'N	83° 40'W
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Costa Rica:

From the coast at the boundary with Nicaragua:

10° 56'N	83° 40'W
11° 00'N	82° 49'W

To the coast at the boundary with Panama:

09° 34'N	82° 33'W
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