AFI SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES INTEGRATION TASK FORCE (ASSI TF)

REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION

1.   TERMS OF REFERENCE

The ASSI Task Force is established to support the development of the concept of sub-regional search and rescue (SAR) arrangements and cooperation between neighboring States; provide a forum for discussions and identifying solutions to impediments in the effective provision of SAR services in the Region; and developing regional guidance to meeting ICAO provisions in the field of SAR.

2.   WORK PROGRAMME

As part of its work programme, the ASSI Task Force will:

a) Periodically review and update Regional performance objectives with regard to SAR;

b) Identify and coordinate tasks related to establishment and functions of sub-regional SAR organizations;

c) Develop Regional strategies and guidance to support establishment of joint aviation/maritime rescue coordination centres;

d) Review SAR deficiencies identified within the AFI region, taking into consideration existing capacity and other constraints being experienced by States and SAR organizations, and propose solutions;

e)   Support the cooperation between ICAO and IMO in their continuing collaboration with African States to implement sub-regional, joint RCCs at strategic locations on the African continent.

3.   REPORTING

The ASSI Task Force shall meet at least once a year and report to the ATM/AIM/SAR Sub-Group.

4.   COMPOSITION:

The ASSI Task Force will comprise of:

a) Experts nominated by the following AFI States from both civil aviation and military entities, SAR organizations and ANSPs: Algeria, Angola, ASECNA, Botswana, Cameroon, Comoros, Congo Brazzaville, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Roberts FIR, Senegal, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

b) Interested International and Sub-Regional Organizations; and

c) Expertise on SAR from States outside the AFI Region and from other entities may be invited by the Task Force, based on the contribution that may be provided by such expertise.

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