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Agenda Item 7: Any other business

SAUDI ARABIA'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A COSPAS-SARSAT GLOBAL SEARCH AND RESCUE DAY

Presented by Saudi Arabia

SUMMARY

This paper provides information on the recent decision taken by the Parties and the COSPAS-SARSAT council to endorse the proposal of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to designate 10th September of each Year as a COSPAS-SARSAT Global Search and Rescue Day and on the on-going arrangements to use the donation made by Saudi Arabia to enable the launch of the celebration Program in 2025.

1. INTRODUCTION

During the COSPAS-SARSAT Council Seventy-First Session - Open Meeting (CSC-71/OPN) held in Riyadh from 21-24 October 2024, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia submitted a proposal to the council to formally adopt and recognize 10th September of each year as COSPAS-SARSAT Global Search and Rescue Day to recognize the people working within the International COSPAS-SARSAT Program. The Council NOTED with appreciation the offer of one-time fund of 200,000 USD made by the kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the celebration of 10th September as Global Search and Rescue Day for the International COSPAS-SARSAT Programme.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 On February 27, 2025, the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) received an official notification from the COSPAS-SARSAT Secretariat that the COSPAS-SARSAT Parties (Canada, France, the Russian Federation, and the USA) have gratefully accepted the generous donation of \$200,000 from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to support the celebration of the COSPAS-SARSAT Global Search and Rescue Day. Furthermore, on April 14, 2025, GACA received a follow-up letter indicating that the COSPAS- SARSAT council, in its closed meeting held on April 1-3, 2025, formally endorsed the proposal to adopt the proposal the 10th September as COSPAS-SARSAT Global Search and Rescue Day.

2.2 GACA is carrying out close coordination with the COSPAS-SARSAT Secretariat to enable the planned celebration and its official launch on the upcoming 10th September.

2.3 The adoption of COSPAS-SARSAT Global Search and Rescue Day is a positive development which reflects a shared commitment to advancing important humanitarian initiatives. This adoption marks a pivotal step forward, that will greatly contribute to enhancing the global visibility of COSPAS- SARSAT program and its impact, particularly in addressing the needs for search and rescue support worldwide.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

The meeting is invited to take note of the information provided in this paper.

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