

## **Status of U.S. Search and Rescue Agreements May 2014**

### **Existing**

1. Bahamas, 1964 agreement which should be updated
2. Costa Rica, 2008 Maritime and Aeronautical SAR memorandum of understanding
3. Dominican Republic, 2003 Maritime and Aeronautical SAR Agreement
4. Ecuador, 2005 Search and Rescue memorandum of understanding
5. Mexico, 1989 Maritime SAR Agreement; would like to update and include both aeronautical and maritime SAR

### **In negotiation: Cuba**

### **Need to develop with adjacent SAR regions:**

1. El Salvador
2. French Antilles
3. Guatemala
4. Haiti
5. Honduras
6. Netherlands Antilles (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao)
7. Nicaragua
8. Trinidad and Tobago (aeronautical only); however, the International Maritime Organization may be proposing a regional system similar to the regional aeronautical SAR system in Central America.
9. Venezuela

U.S. goal: the SAR arrangement normally in the form of an agreement; cover both aeronautical and maritime, when possible; and, use the IAMSAR Manual as the primary guidance document.