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To: States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: **First on-site Search and Rescue (SAR) Exercise for the CAR/SAM Regions – SAREX2025**  
Barranquilla, Colombia, 4 to 6 August 2025

Action  
Required: **Register Participation by 10 June 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that as a follow-up to the GREPECAS/22/4 conclusion regarding support for the conduct of search and rescue (SAR) exercises, and in accordance with the request that ICAO NACC and SAM Regional Offices support the development of inter-regional SAR Exercises (SAREX), the first face-to-face SAR exercise has been scheduled for the CAR/SAM regions. This event aims to improve search and rescue services in both regions, strengthening the coordination, action plans and skills of the personnel involved.

Said exercise will take place from **4 to 6 August 2025** in Barranquilla, Colombia. Colombia, displaying commitment and cooperation, has agreed to host this important activity, which will directly contribute to the optimization of SAR services in the region.

Within the agenda of the event, the development of a SAREX based on an occurrence on the border of the CAR/SAM Regions has been contemplated as the main activity. This exercise seeks to evaluate and strengthen coordination procedures among participating States, ensuring an efficient and effective response to real situations that require SAR operations.


Given the relevance of this training for the improvement of SAR services, we consider that the participation of all States is critical to the success of the event. In this regard, we would like to encourage the States of the Region to designate SAR representatives who can actively contribute to this activity and take advantage of the training and skills building opportunity that will be provided, by 10 June 2025, please register at: [Registry SAREX 25](#).

I thank you for your attention and look forward to your valuable participation in this exercise of great importance for the aviation safety of our region.

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If you require any further information regarding the event, please contact Mr. Eddian Méndez, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management and Search and Rescue or his Assistant Mrs. Yolanda Terrazas, to the following e-mail [nacc-atm@icao.int](mailto:nacc-atm@icao.int).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office

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