

# HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) SERVICES IN AFRICA

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## HIGH-LEVEL MEASURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROVISION OF SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) SERVICES IN AFRICA

### 1. FUNDING

States shall ensure that a legal framework is established for a sustainable and adequate funding mechanism of SAR systems and services.

**Target date: Dec 2018**

### 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROJECT TO IMPROVE SAR SERVICES IN AFRICA

AFCAC is requested to establish a Project to support the improvement of SAR Services in Africa.

**Target date: May 2018**

### 2. BILATERAL/MULTILATERAL SAR AGREEMENTS

States shall ensure that the necessary Bilateral/Multilateral SAR Agreements as required in Annex12 to the Chicago Convention are negotiated, signed and implemented with all neighbouring and adjacent Search and Rescue Regions (SRR) and Flight Information Regions.

**Target date: Dec 2018**

### 3. MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN STATES

Considering Conclusion 6/22 (*Establishment of sub regional search and rescue (SAR) arrangements*) of the AFI/RAN 08 in 2008 in Durban, South Africa

States shall endeavour to negotiate, sign and implement Multilateral Agreements with as many Partner States and organizations that can combine efficient Search and Rescue Operations pooling resources and skills.

States shall encourage the signing of internal agreements with entities that can support SAR services.

**Target date: Dec 2018**

#### **4. SAR EXERCISES**

States shall organise multi agencies, multi States and combined Regional SAR exercises to test SAR systems in place involving as many SAR units as practicable.

**Target date: Dec 2019**

#### **5. REGIONAL ECONOMIC Communities /SUB REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

States should take advantage of Regional Economic Communities platform such as ECOWAS, UEMOA, CEMAC, EAC, ECCAS, SADC, COMESA, UMA or other sub-regional arrangements to establish Sub-regional, harmonized SAR arrangements.

**Target date: Dec 2019**

#### **6. CAPACITY BUILDING IN SAR**

States should develop and implement training programmes and plans for capacity building of search and rescue personnel, including those involved in the oversight of SAR

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#### **7. ESTABLISHMENT OF JRCC**

States should establish a Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) to coordinate aeronautical and maritime SAR operations where is practicable, and pooling resources (human, assets, funding, etc.)

**Target date: Dec 2019**