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A. INTRODUCTION

In accordance to the ICAO Rules and Recommendations contained in Annex 12, for the purpose of obtaining a close collaboration between SAR Services at adjacent countries, Italian and Greek Authorities have agreed on the following terms.

B. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

1. The cooperation of Italian and Greek SAR Services will be based on the provisions of ICAO Annex 12.

2. The extent of this cooperation will be determined according to the International Standards and Recommended Practices for Search and Rescue of the above-mentioned Annex.

3. Mutual prior notification of the Air Traffic Control Centres, for the anticipated movements to both countries, in accordance to the existing ICAO provisions, is required for any engagement to SAR operations.

4. Upon the implementation of the above-mentioned terms, the establishment of direct communications, between the SAR centres at Taranto and Athens is required, in order to support common SAR effective operations and exercises in the intermediate area.

5. For purpose of training of the SAR personnel and of obtaining an adequate and specialized Radio Communications link between the cooperating SAR Services, a number of exercises has to be planned and carried out during each year, according to a program contained in the operations manual, and revised yearly.

6. A certain number of military airfields will be available in each of the two countries for the landing of the SAR aircraft during operations and or exercises. A list of these airfields will be contained in the operations manual.

¹ Came into force on 4 December 1957 by an exchange of diplomatic notes signifying the approval of the Agreement by the competent authorities of the two Contracting Parties, in accordance with paragraph 13.

7. The crew of the participating in the exercise aircraft may land, after each exercise at the airfield of the SARC which controlled the exercise, in order to discuss details and results of this exercise.

8. The landing of any SAR aircraft during operations and or exercises at those airfields is not subject of any specific clearance through the normal diplomatic channels.

9. The competent authorities of the cooperating SAR Services are authorised to communicate directly for all matters concerning SAR Services.

10. A manual of operations will be commonly prepared and revised when necessary. This manual will be followed by both countries during the common SAR operations and the joint SAR exercises.

11. Representatives of the two SARC'S concerned will meet officially, once every year, at a commonly agreed place, to examine problems and procedures involved to SAR operations.

12. Attached herein is Annex A "Technical Terms of the Agreement", which can be modified when necessary by a direct action of the cooperating SAR services.

13. This Agreement which has been decided by the undersigned military representatives of the two countries concerned on the meeting of 2 of August 1957, will be in force upon the approval by the competent authorities of the two countries, to which will be forwarded through the diplomatic channels.

Athens, 2 August 1957.

Italian Representatives :

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ANNEX A

TECHNICAL TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

1. In order to accomplish a close cooperation between the SAR Services of Italy and Greece, a direct radio communication link, connecting SARC Taranto and SARC Athens, has to be established with the following data :

- (a) Type of Communication : Wireless communication C/W of R/T (if possible)
- (b) Type of emission : A1 or A3
- (c) Frequency : Day time 5685 k/cs Night time 3110 k/cs
- (d) Call signs : Taranto IKG Athens 41F (Temporary)
- (e) Hours of operation : H 24
- (f) Procedures : ICAO
- (g) Language : Simple English and « Q » Code
- (h) Controlling station : Control will be alternatively changed monthly between SAR centres of Taranto and Athens at 010800Z hours of each month. Controlling station during the first month of cooperation will be the Taranto SARC (IKG).

2. In cases of difficulties in the direct contact of the two SAR centres, the communications of the Athens and Rome or Brindisi Air Traffic Control centres will be used, provided that information will be passed to the appropriate SAR centre immediately.

3. The following communications will be established by each SARC in addition to the above-mentioned frequency.

- (a) Taranto SARC
 - (i) An HF circuit operating at 5685 k/cs during day time and 3110 k/cs during night time for national SAR purposes. Alternate frequency 6737 k/cs for day times and 3150 k/cs for night times.
 - (ii) A VHF two channels circuit operating at :
 - (1) 121,5 m/cs (distress freq.)
 - (2) 123,1 m/cs (SAR operations)for air to ground and air to sea communications.
 - (iii) A UHF two channels circuit operating at :
 - (1) 243,0 m/cs (distress freq.)
 - (2) 282,8 m/cs (SAR operations)or air to ground and air to sea communications.
- (b) Athens SARC
 - (i) An HF circuit operating at 3495 k/cs during day time and 2865 k/cs during night time for national SAR purposes.
 - (ii) A VHF circuit operating at 121,5 m/cs (distress and SAR operations until the frequency of 123,1 m/cs will be available, for air to ground and air to sea communications.
 - (iii) A UHF two channels circuit operating at :
 - (1) 243,0 m/cs (distress freq.)
 - (2) 282,8 m/cs (SAR operations)for air to ground and air to sea communications.

NOTE : The cooperation needed between ships participating in SAR operations (from senior ship to the other ships) will be exercised with an HF circuit operating at 3023 k/cs at both areas in the case of any difficulties with the VHF or UHF frequencies.

4. Exchange of information :

(a) The cooperating SARC'S will be mutually informed every day from 0600Z to 0700Z hours on the availability and the position of the existing SAR facilities in order that common SAR operations be better served.

(b) In case of an emergency, necessary information, according to para 5.2.2. of ICAO Annex 12, will be exchanged between the two SARC'S concerned.

(c) Formats as the attached herein will be completed and exchanged between the two SARC'S before and after each common SAR operation.

5. Cooperating SARC'S will inform each other about any changing in the SAR equipment on board with the SAR aircraft or boats.

6. To facilitate the cooperation of the two SARC'S personnel a simple special code will be prepared commonly. This code will be in use during operations and exercises in due course.

Athens, 2 August 1957.

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