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**South Africa  
and  
Mauritius**

**Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius for the co-ordination of search and rescue services (with attachment). Pretoria, 19 November 2010**

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**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REBUBLIC OF  
MAURITIUS  
FOR  
THE CO-ORDINATION  
OF SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES**

**PREAMBLE**

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius (herein after jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as a “Party”);

**RECOGNISING** the importance of co-operation in search and rescue ( SAR), and of the provision of expeditious and effective search and rescue services;

**DESIRING** to implement the provisions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation and of its annexes and technical documents relevant to search and rescue;

**CONSIDERING** that this Agreement does not undermine sovereignty claims by either Party on any territory, or part thereof;

**SEEKING** to provide an overall plan for search and rescue co-ordination, use of available resources, mutual assistance, and efforts to improve search and rescue services;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

In this Agreement, unless the context indicates otherwise -

- ADIZ** : means the Air Defence Identification Zone;
- ARCC** : means the Aeronautical Rescue Co-ordination Centre;
- ARSC** : means the Aeronautical Rescue Sub Centre;
- MRCC** : means the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre;
- RCC** : means the Rescue Co-ordination Centre and includes both the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre and the Aeronautical Rescue Co-ordination Centre;
- RSC** : means the Rescue Sub Centre;
- SAR** : means the Search and Rescue operations arising out of aeronautical incidents or accidents;
- SMC** : means the Search and Rescue Mission Co-ordinator;
- SRR** : means the Aeronautical Search and Rescue Region.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES**

- 1 The responsible Agencies for the implementation of this Agreement shall be-
- a) For the Republic of South Africa, the South African Search and Rescue Organisation, Department of Transport; and
  - b) For the Republic of Mauritius, the Director of Civil Aviation/Director of Shipping.
- 2 The RCC's referred to in this Agreement shall be-
- a) For the Republic of South Africa, ARCC Johannesburg; and
  - b) For the Republic of Mauritius, the Maritime Search and Rescue Co- ordination Centre (National Coast Guard) and the ARSC (Department of Civil Aviation).

The contact details of the agencies are listed at Annexure I.

### **ARTICLE 3 SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- (a) Exchange of SAR information concerning-
  - (i) potential distress situations on a routine basis; and
  - (ii) actual distress situations as soon as the information is available;
- (b) supporting each other by pooling SAR facilities for operations within their respective SRR's;
- (c) making, and responding to, requests for operational assistance between the designated RCC's or (RSC's) of the Parties as capabilities allow;
- (d) exchange of information on the available SAR resources to ensure mutual knowledge of each other's SAR capabilities;
- (e) utilizing standard SAR procedures and communications appropriate for cooperation and co-ordination between SAR assets of the Parties responding to the same distress incident, and for co-operation and co-ordination between the RCC's of the Parties ;
- (f) applying the guidance of the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) and any other relevant Manual regarding SAR operational procedures and communications;
- (g) applying of standard agreed SAR procedures in order to save human life in distress;
- (h) Entry by various types of SAR assets into the territorial waters or the Air defence Identification Zone (ADIZ) as the case maybe of the other Party, shall exclusively be for SAR operations purposes;
- (i) facilitating entry by various types of SAR assets exclusively for SAR operations purposes' into the territory of the territorial waters or ADIZ as the case maybe;
- (j) conducting of communication checks at least once every calendar month to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of SAR communication links;
- (k) conducting of SAR exercises as mutually agreed from time to time;
- (l) subject to the domestic law of their respective countries concerning the ownership of intellectual property and copyright, the exchanging of SAR operational and procedural