

The 8th BS SAR Conference
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The 8th Session of the Black Sea Search and Rescue Conference

AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

October 31st - November 1st, 2011 Constanta, Romania

October 31st, 2011

09.00 – 09.30	Registration	All participants
09:30 - 09:50 Item 1	Opening and welcome, introduction of participants, approval of the Agenda	Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Representative Mr. Paul Branza – General Director of Romanian Naval Authority, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Mr. Ivaylo Valev – Head of CIS/Easter Europe Section, Technical Co-operation Division, IMO
09:50 – 10:00 Item 2	SAR Facilities and Capabilities/SAR Statistics/False Alert Statistics	Georgia Russian Federation Turkey Ukraine Bulgaria Romania
10:00 -10:30 Item 3	Country Status Reports	Georgia
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break – Conference Press</i>	
11:00 – 12:30 Item 3 Continued	Country Status Reports	Russian Federation Turkey Ukraine Bulgaria Romania 1. Mr. Adrian Alexe – General Director of Maritime Coordination Centre, RNA 2. Mr. Tudor Tănase - Head of ROMATSA SAR Coordination Centre, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure

12:30 – 14: 00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:00 Item 3 Continued	Country Status Reports	3. Mr. Constantin Ciorobea - Naval Component Director, Ministry of National Defance 4. Mr. Laurentiu Costache – Romanian Police Border, Ministry of Administration and Interior 5. Mr. Laurentiu Lupu - Chief Operational Centre, Inspectorate

		General of Aviation, Ministry of Administration and Interior 6. Mr. Dumitru Bucuresteanu – Head of MRCC Constanta & Mr. Silviu Apostol, Head of IT and Radio-communication Department, RNA
15:00 – 16:00 Item 4	IMO SAR Training in the Black Sea Region	1. Mr. Ivaylo Valev – Head of CIS/Easter Europe Section, Technical Co-operation Division, IMO 2. Mr. Spiteri Staines Stephan - Lieutenant acting staff officer 3, Armed Forces of Malta 3. Mr. Plamen Bonev - MARPOL @SAR Dept Chief, Maritime Administration Varna 4. Mr. Vasile Pipirigeanu – Romanian Maritime Training Centre
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break	
16.30 – 16:40 Item 5	BS MRCC WEB	All participants
16:40 – 17:00 Item 6	MONIFO Project (joint AIS system of the Black Sea Countries)	Mr. Silviu Apostol - Head of IT and Radio-communication Department, RNA All participants
17:00 – 17:30 Item 7	Elaboration of the Plan of International Exercises	All participants

November 1st, 2011

09.30 – 09.45 Item 8	Future BS SAR Conference (possibility of transformation into Joint BS SAR Committee)	All participants
09.45 – 10.00 Item 9	Joint BS SAR Plan project	All participants

10:00 - 10:30 Item 10	SAR Data Provider/ SAR Co-operation Index for Passenger Ships/ Plan for Co-operation between SAR Services and Passenger Ships (according to the SOLAS Regulation V/7.3. and IMO MSC/Circ. 1079)	All participants
10:00 - 10:15 Item 11	Emblem of the Black Sea SAR Conference	All participants
10.15 -10.30 Item 12	Place and Agenda of the 9 th SAR Conference	All participants
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

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11:00 – 12:00 Item 13	Other Business	1. Mr. Dobrev Bozhidar - Responsible for the Northern SAR Region, BULSAR 2. Mr. Alexander Alexandrov - Tehnical University Varna 3. Fredrik J. van Wijnen - CESMA General Secretary All participants
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:30 – 14:00	Review of the Conference Report	All participants
14.00 - 18.00	Visits to MRCC, Romanian Training Centre and Specialized Police Border Vessel	All participants



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Background

1. To enhance the efficiency of the Regional SAR services and to improve co-operation amongst the SAR services of the Black Sea Coastal States, the eighth Black Sea SAR Conference was organized by the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, through Romania Naval Authority (RNA), and International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Introduction

2. In pursuance of its responsibility as the depositary of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974 and the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) 1979, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) assisted with the organization of a Regional Conference on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), in Constanta, Romania, between 31 October and 1 November 2011.

Conference Participants

3. Six countries were invited to the 8th Black Sea SAR Conference and for the first time all six countries participated. The Conference was attended by:

- delegates from Ukraine, Georgia, Russian Federation, Turkey, Bulgaria and Romania (all being senior representatives from each country's maritime administration), Government Ministries and national authorities responsible for search and rescue and communication;
- Armed Forces of Malta;
- representative of BULSAR;
- representative of CESMA;
- Black Sea Commission;
- additional delegates from the host country (Romania) also attended as observers.

A complete list of all participants, including observers to the Conference is contained at **Annex 1**.

Opening Ceremony

4. The Conference was opened, on behalf of Romania, by Mr. Paul Branza, General Director of Romanian Naval Authority, who, in welcoming the delegates, emphasized the vital role played by co-ordination and co-operation in any search and rescue operation. He was confident that the Conference would make a significant contribution and provide a model for future regional co-

operation for maritime search and rescue in the Black Sea and the co-ordination of all related activities. He wished to have a successful conference for the delegates.

5. Mr. Ivaylo Valev, on behalf of the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization, extend his sincere appreciation to the Government of Romania for hosting and supporting this important Conference and, in particular, a warm Thanks to Captain Adrian Alexe, Director of MRCC Constanta and his staff for the significant assistance and efforts in the organizing this event.

He was pleased to inform the Conference that COMSAR 15 completed the revised draft texts for the International NAVTEX Manual, thus concluding four years of revision work done by this Sub-Committee, in close co-operation with IHO and WMO, and made a valuable contribution to the Organization's ongoing work on the e-navigation strategy implementation plan.

Moreover, Mr. Ivaylo Valev inform all participants of the developments in the implementation of the Global SAR Plan through the establishment of regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres and Sub-centres in African countries bordering the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, to which IMO technical co-operation has made a contribution. A multilateral agreement was signed in Morocco for the North and West Africa Maritime Search and Rescue Region, comprising sea areas, as defined by the 2000 Florence Conference, for Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Morocco and Senegal. Subsequently, the Regional MRCC in Rabat was commissioned by the Secretary-General of IMO which, together with the centres established in Mombasa, Cape Town, Lagos and Monrovia, completes the network of Regional MRCCs in Africa, as recommended by the Florence Conference.

Finally, he expressed his hope to see during this Conference, an interactive discussion of all topical issues related to SAR activities in the Black Sea, because much can be achieved by sharing of experiences between the countries.

6. Mr. Ivaylo Valev kindly reminded that according to the established tradition the host country presides over conference. He proposed Mr. Adrian Alexe, Director of Maritime Coordination Centre, as the Chairman of the 8th BS SAR Conference.

7. The delegates accepted the proposition and Mr. Adrian Alexe was approved as the Chairman of the 8th Black Sea SAR Conference.

8. Mr. Adian Alexe, after expressed his gratitude for his election as Chairman, recalled that Romania was the country which organized in the year 2004 the first Black Sea SAR Conference in cooperation and with IMO support. Moreover, he expressed his happiness that the delegations of all six riparian Black Sea countries were presented for the first time to a Black Sea SAR Conference.

9. Chairman Adrian Alexe asked the floor from participants to introduce themselves.

Approval of the Agenda

10. The draft conference agenda was approved; the Conference followed the timetable shown at **Annex 2**.

Conference Proceedings

11. The Conference proceeded according to the schedule in accordance with the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 2. SAR Facilities and Capabilities/ SAR Statistics/ False Alert Statistics

12. Chairman Adrian Alexe asked the floor from participants for agreed starting the SAR Facilities and Capabilities/ SAR Statistics/ False Alert Statistics Reports presentation with Georgia.

13. Mr. Plamen Bonev proposed to present the Reports regarding SAR Facilities and Capabilities/ SAR Statistics/ False Alert Statistics in the same time with the Country Status Report.

The proposal was approved by all country delegates.

Action to be taken 1:

15. Black Sea Countries agreed to fill the forms according to the COMSAR/Circ.29 as a yearly basis and submit the forms to the Conference and Host Country. Host country will submit these information to the relevant bodies of the IMO and ICAO to evaluate and inform the manufacturers of the equipment.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Country Status Reports

17. Every country presented information concerning their country's arrangements for the organization of search and rescue activities, including facilities used in case of emergency situations.

18. Georgia Delegation informed the Conference about the Operational Black Sea Delta Regional Exercise – GEODELTA 2011, which held place in Batumi, on 15 September 2011. In addition, they notified the Conference about the ratifying of the Ankara Agreement by Georgia.

19. Referring to the exercise GEODELTA 2011, Mr. Alexe emphasised the necessity of a legal based for regional SAR exercises in order to avoid the difficulties concerning the national procedures of each country.

20. Russian delegation informed the Conference only about SAR Facilities and Capabilities/ SAR Statistics/ False Alert Statistics and proposed to the conference to use the following preventive steps to reduce the number of false distress alerts:

1. MRCC determines the source of the false distress alerts – causes, ship's name, flag, ship's owner, destination port and so on.
2. MRCC informs the Harbour master of the ship's port of call regarding false alert received and kindly asks him to inform Port State Control or Flag State Control (depending on ship's flag) to inspect the vessel and clarify the causes of false alert transmitted.
3. PSC or FSC officer depending on ship Master's report regarding reasons of false alert transmitted:
 - prescribes the vessel to pass equipment technical control - if captain reportes about equipment technical troubles;
 - informs ship owner to organize mandatory training to crew members - if captain reportes about incorrect usage of equipment or,
 - both measures together.

21. Asking to a question of Mr. Alexe, Mr. Evgeni Karpachev informed all delegations that, starting with 2010, Russian Federation initiated a process of renewing of SAR fleet.

22. Bulgarian Delegation informed the Conference about the two SAR communication exercises organized in cooperation with passenger ships, according to the SOLAS Regulation V/7.3 and IMO MSC/Circ. 1079.

23. Concerning the presentations of Ukrainian and Bulgarian delegations, which displayed maps with the limits of their SAR Responsibility Regions, Mr. Adrian Alexe emphasized that Ukraine – Romania and Bulgaria – Romania did not officially agreed the limits of the SAR Responsibility Regions. Therefore, he proposed to initiate officially the negotiation between Ministries of External Affairs concerning this matter.

24. Romanian delegation made a presentation concerning the structure of Romanian Naval Authority and emphasized the role of Romanian Maritime Co-ordination Centre, which have 2 departments collocated under the same roof: SAR & Pollution Department and VTS Department Centre.

25. Mr. Tudor Tanase made a presentation regarding the ROMATSA Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre, which was established since the date of 07th of December 2010.
26. Mr. Constantin Ciorobea presents the participation of Romanian Navy, as the representative of Ministry of National Defence, under MRCC/RNA coordination, to SAR missions within Romanian area of responsibility.
27. Mr. Laurentiu Costache made a presentation concerning the involvement of General Inspectorate of Border Police, as representative of Ministry of Administration and Interior, in search and rescue operations.
28. Mr. Ion Colcigeanu presents the structure, organization and air units of the Special Aviation Unit from the General Aviation Inspectorate – Ministry of Administration and Interior.
29. Mr. Dumitru Bucuresteanu, Head of MRCC Constanta made a presentation regarding the systems and services used by Romania through RNA, in order to enhance the safety and security of navigation, the maritime environment protection, passengers and cargoes protection, within its maritime waters.
30. All presented delegations discussed about Russian proposals concerning the reducing of number of false alerts.

The delegates noted the submitted information.

Action to be taken 2: Black Sea Countries agreed to instruct PSC inspectors, within the PSC visits, to check the GMDSS equipments and evaluate the capacity of the crew to handle in good manner GMDSS equipments and, in case of equipment irregularities to detain the ship or in case of handling difficulties to apply sanctions.

AGENDA ITEM 4. IMO SAR Training in the Black Sea Region

31. Mr. Adrian Alexe drew attention to the fact that at the previous Conference each state agreed that an analyse of the needs of SAR training in BS region should be made and invited all delegates to reconsider the idea of attending an IMO SAR Course for SMC and OSC by representatives of all MRCC from Black Sea region.
32. Mr. Ivaylo Valev underlined that the training is essential for all MRCC's personnel to be able to fulfill their duties in a maritime search and rescue system and well structured meaningful training is the key to a successful response to any maritime emergency. He concluded that IMO seeks an opportunity to co-ordinate the courses with the recommendations given in the TNA report. Moreover, he informed the Conference that, if suitable dates would be possible to reach with full support of the participating countries, IMO is ready to commence detailed course preparations as per the relevant IMO Model Courses with an estimated implementation in June, July or August of 2012.
33. Mr. Plamen Bonev recalled that, at the 7th BS Conference, the Bulgarian delegation offered to contact the Malta authorities regarding that matter. Therefore, Mr. Plamen Bonev informed the Conference about the attended the SMC and OSC Course
34. Mr. Stephen Spiteri Staines made a presentation concerning the training offer of Maritime Safety and Security Training Centre from Malta.
35. Mr. Ivaylo Valev informed the Conference that the SAR training courses will have a clear regional approach with the aim to harmonise the SAR mission co-ordination in the Black Sea and strengthen the ability to conduct cross-border joint operations. Moreover, he expressed the IMO

availability to cover all expenditures of trainees from each Black Sea country. Therefore, he invited all riparian Black Sea countries to send to the IMO General Secretariat the contact details of national authorities or organizations directly involved in SAR activities in order to deliver the invitations for attending the SAR courses.

36. Mr. Ivaylo Valev emphasized the openness of IMO to finance the SAR course for Black Sea countries, even one of the riparian countries expressing his willingness to host the course. He invited the BS countries to inform the IMO General Secretariat about the decision for hosting the SAR course, in case.

37. Mr. Miroslav Koychev made a presentation regarding the C2 - PC (SAR - PC) software, which training in the use of this SAR software forms an integral part of the Maritime Safety & Security Training Centre's curriculum.

38. Mr. Ivaylo Valev informed the Conference that IMO has necessary funds to finance a SAR course for decision-makers of Maritime Administrations at the end of this year and invited the Black Sea Countries to analyze the possibilities to put in place this proposal.

The delegates noted the submitted information.

Action to be taken 3: Black Sea Countries agreed to submit the necessary information to IMO General Secretariat in order to receive the invitations containing all information concerning the nomination and attendance of the SAR courses.

AGENDA ITEM 5. BS MRCC WEB

39. Mr. Adrian Alexe reviewed the issues regarding the BS MRCC WEB and proposes to the Conference to pass the subject to the next Black Sea SAR Conference, in order to offer to Georgia enough time for analyzing and taking a decision regarding these issues.

Action to be taken 4: This item to be introduced into the Draft Agenda of the next Black Sea SAR Conference.

The Georgian delegation will present to the next BS SAR conference the draft project of BS MRCC WEB to review BS Countries.

AGENDA ITEM 6. MONINFO Project (joint AIS system of the Black Sea Countries)

40. The Chairman informed delegations about the Black Sea Commission's project called MONINFO – Environmental Monitoring of the Black Sea Basin: Monitoring and Information Systems for Reducing Oil Pollution - and proposed the subject to be discussed to the next Black Sea SAR Conference.

Action to be taken 5: This item to be introduced into the Draft Agenda of the next Black Sea SAR Conference.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Elaboration of the Plan of International Exercise

41. Mr. Adrian Alexe proposed to be established an agreement between the Black Sea countries to state the schedule and organization of regional SAR exercises concomitant with the response pollution exercises.

42. Mr. Ivaylo Valev emphasised that each country has a national legislation regarding the regime of Navy vessels which must be respected. He asked more time for an assessment of the organization of SAR exercises in other regions (ex. Baltic Sea, North Sea).

43. Mr. Adrian Alexe gave an undertaking to disseminate all information regarding this issue received from Mr. Valev.

AGENDA ITEM 8. Future BS SAR Conference (possibility of transformation into Joint BS SAR Committee)

44. Mr. Adrian Alexe reminded that the transformation of the BS SAR Conference into the Joint BS SAR Committee is an old proposal of Georgia, in order to make less official the meetings.

He proposed to be maintained the actual title of the event.

45. All presented delegations expressed their accord concerning the Chairman's proposal.

AGENDA ITEM 9. Joint BS SAR Plan project

46. Mr. Adrian Alexe recalled that the Joint BS SAR Plan Project is a Georgia's proposal and the draft of the project was disseminated to all the BS countries, but no country formulated a concrete point of view. He emphasised the necessity to establish a regional SAR exercises plan in order to enhance the ability to manage SAR cases.

47. Mr. Adrian Alexe proposed the subject to be discuss to the next Black Sea SAR Conference, for the reason that all countries to have enough time to analyse the Georgia's proposal and make proposal for adaptation to regional framework.

Action to be taken 6: This item to be introduced into the Draft Agenda of the next Black Sea SAR Conference

AGENDA ITEM 10. SAR Data Provider/ SAR Co-operation Index for Passenger Ships/ Plan for Co-operation between SAR Services and Passenger Ships (according to the SOLAS Regulation V/7.3. and IMO MSC/Circ. 1079)

48. Mr. Plamen Bonev explained to the Conference how they organized the exercises with two passenger vessels.

49. Mr. Adrian Alexe proposed to be included into the next draft agenda a report regarding the exercises with passenger vessels.

AGENDA ITEM 11. Emblem of the Black Sea SAR Conference

50. The Agenda item on the Emblem of the Black Sea SAR Conference was discussed. The Bulgarian proposal (color and black&white) were presented. The delegations appreciated the Bulgarian proposal to be appropriate, but the color scheme was not the most suitable. There were some new proposals regarding the emblem colors. The Conference decided to be presented in new versions of scheme color to the next BS SAR Conference. The Bulgarian delegation l will send new proposa in short period.

AGENDA ITEM 12, Place and Agenda of the 9th SAR Conference

51. Ukraine officially informed the Conference that the 9th Black Sea SAR Conference will be held in Ukraine in 2012.

52. A proposal of the 9th Black Sea SAR Conference Draft Agenda (Annex 3) was made by Romania, but it could not be approve because of absence of Bulgarian delegation.

53. Mr. Bozhidar Dobrev proposed, as item for the next draft agenda, the cooperation between MRCCs and SAR voluntary organizations.
54. Mr. Alexander Alexandrov proposed, referring to Mr. Bozhidar Dobrev's proposal, to be taken into account also the academic sector.
55. Mr. Fredrik van Wijnen proposed to be discussed the issue of place of refuge.

Action to be taken 7: These proposals to be analysed by all BS countries and their decisions to be made known to Ukraine.

AGENDA ITEM 13. Other Business

56. Mr. Adrian Alexe proposed to the Conference the clarification of the aspects concerning the Working Groups, as they were established during the first Black Sea Conference on SAR, held in Constanta in 2004, such as to the next Conference to be provided the proposal for the new members.
57. Mr. Adrian Alexe recalled the recommendations formulated by the final report of the first Black Sea SAR Conference and invited all the participants to note that most of them are still not putted in place.
58. The conference has been completed with presentations of:
- Mr. Dobrev Bozhidar, Responsible for the Northern SAR Region, BULSAR
 - Mr. Alexander Alexandrov - Tehnical University Varna
 - Fredrik J. van Wijnen, CESMA General Secretary

Action to be taken 8: Until the next Conference, the communication between the countries to be made trough the focal points.

Closing Ceremony

59. The Chairman, Mr. Adrian Alexe, closed the conference on behalf of the Romanian Naval Authority, he stressed that Romania is particularly proud to host the Conference thus providing the opportunity for the promotion of the Black Sea SAR training and the consideration to implement the relevant parts of the global SAR exercise Plan in the Black Sea Region. He paid tribute to the participants and the IMO consultant for the quality of their input to the conference and for the spirit of co-operation they had shown throughout the Conference. He urged on the participants on their return home, to urge on their Governments to consider all recommendations of the 8th Black Sea Conference on SAR and the future need for collaboration and integration. He also strongly encouraged the promotion of the Black Sea SAR Training which would make a big step forward in the improvement and the quality of SAR services rendered to seafarers in distress at sea. He concluded by wishing to all participants a safe return home.

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