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SAR RESPONSE

- I.** RCC controllers in response to alert notification or actual distress situation will initiate a series of basic RCC procedures. Investigation/Evaluation/Verification immediately follows. If a SAR response is necessary, RCC directs effort to ascertain the nature and character of assistance appropriate for specific situation taking into consideration a number of SAR variables that includes:
 - a. nature of the distress
 - b. location/position and distance involved
 - c. availability of compatible SAR resources
 - d. other operational SAR parameters considering past SAR missions.

- II.** A SAR plan develops from these set of events. It includes coordination with various search and rescue capable agencies of government and non-government organizations to obtain the necessary/additional SAR assets that will supplement what is available. Support units shall be tasked to execute specific mission appropriate to the resources provided.

- III.** After resources are committed on a mission, RCC will track the progress of each responding units, updating all units on changes to the distress situation, and continue the coordination for other support requirements of the SAR mission.

- IV.** DND assets are called upon to assist in SAR operations and other forms of emergencies to enhance the State's mandate to provide the required SAR service. It is significant to note the existing relationship between RCC and agencies possessing SAR compatible resources. Philippine RCC does not possess nor have direct command and/or conclusive decision to launch these resources.

In addition, assistance from adjacent SRR's are tapped on a case-to-case basis in the event of a major SAR operations when endemic SAR resources need to be supplemented.