Annex C

Summary of Breakout Discussion in the INSARAG Team Leaders' Meeting 2017

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1. **IER – Pre-Greening Arrangements**

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**Key outcome:**

The main concept of the pre-greening is to lighten the burden, but the fine balance between simplification of IER process and quality assurance needs to be carefully considered.

Many interpretations of “pre-greening” exist. Guidance needs to be drafted to control the quality of the evaluation.

Items that can be pre-greened:

- Administration items.

Items that should not be pre-greened:

- 36-hour field exercise.
- Checklist items marked as “yellow” in the original classification.

**Further considerations:**

- Goal of IER needs to be further clarified. Different perspectives on IER were seen:
  - Some found IER as an opportunity to demonstrate a team has the expected capability at minimum standard level.
  - Others expect IER is an opportunity to check further improvement than just a minimum standard.

**Further considerations:**

- When apply the pre-greening, importance of PoE information should be more emphasized.
- Consideration should be taken for the suitability of the current checklist to IER.
- *Separate checklist for IER is proposed to be looked at for the future solution.*
- The separate checklist may have 3 sections: (1) Mandatory, (2) Optional, (3) Good to have.

2. **Technical Guidelines Reference Library**

*Facilitated by: Paul Burns, Peter Wolff*

**Question:**

Is there a need?

**Answer:**

YES, INSARAG is a growing community.

A technical reference library is required.
**USAR Wikipedia?**

**Outcomes:**

Location: INSARAG webpage

Content could include:

- Lessons learnt,
- Best practices from classifiers,
- Research and development,
- Case studies,
- Leadership papers,
- Capacity building
- Technical papers.

**Outcomes:**

- Governance:
- Need to identify an overseer or group to manage site, either by email or meet once a year before TL meeting
- Chat room for Team leaders/others: Yes
- App: No
- The concept could take load off FCSS (could it be done from within INSARAG teams - on a volunteer basis?)

**Needs to be:**

- User friendly (using icons)
- Relevant (reminder to post owner after 1 year)
- Best practices (not just 15 ways of doing something)
- Consistent with other information sources
- Not a part of the Guidelines
- Secure (ensure information on the site is not used for commercial gain)
- “Downloadable”

**Questions:**

- Is there a pathway from excellent technical guide notes to the Volume 2 of the guidelines?
- Should this have different levels of users (password protection)?

3. **Light teams**

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**KEY REMARKS FROM ALL GROUPS**
- Number of teams could be considerably high (letter of endorsement from National Focal Point is a requirement) – LTWG will do a survey within the network
- Separate classification of management has some challenges - the whole team should demonstrate ability to operate with 17-20 people

**It’s all about quality**
- Quality of the operational performance should be the same as medium and heavy teams
- Reclassification process will apply to LT’s
- EU offered to host a pilot exercise for option 3 in 2018 MODEX
- Option 3 may be a consideration for future IER of Medium and Heavy Teams

**FEEDBACK FROM BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS**

Are you a member of a Medium or Heavy IEC USAR Team?

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- Yes 71.7%
- No 28.3%

**FEEDBACK FROM BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS**
4. **National Accreditation Process**

*Facilitated by: Sebastian Mocarquer, Peter Goxharaj*

**Things to remember:**

- The IESRP is not mandatory, it is an option.
- A successful IESRP does not mean that the teams go on international missions.
- The INSARAG Secretariat endorses the national accreditation process, not the teams.

**Outcomes:**

- The IESRP could become a step before an IEC
- The IESRP should include aspects of interface with international teams (RDC, UC etc.)
- Using a Technical Support Group is mandatory, but teams may also engage a mentor
• Many countries have not submitted their TSG Roster to the Secretariat
  (Americas have named three per country)

Questions:
• Can the IESRP be adopted for other teams (HCP, flood, hurricanes)? Yes.
• How do we include NGO’s and other local teams not belonging to the Central/Federal
  Government?
• To be further included (next version): What about heavier teams than HEAVY?

Outcomes:
• The IESRP is standardized - but it might have to be adjusted locally.
• The IESRP may identify that additional workload is needed:
  • Local (existing) NAP versus IESRP
• “The IESRP enhanced the overall performance of our teams” (France)