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Second Announcement for the INSARAG Global Meeting in 2015 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Geneva presents its compliments to the INSARAG Member States, UN agencies, international and humanitarian organizations, and emergency responders, and has the honor to announce the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) Global Meeting in Abu Dhabi, hosted by the United Arab Emirates, taking place from 18 to 20 October 2015.

The aim of the INSARAG Global Meeting is to reaffirm INSARAG's commitment to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 57/150 of 2002 on "Strengthening the Effectiveness and Coordination of International USAR Assistance" from 2015 through 2020.

The INSARAG Global Meeting will contribute to the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016 with the INSARAG Abu Dhabi Declaration, and embracing themes for a new agenda towards prioritizing effectiveness, management of risk and transformation through innovation.

The INSARAG revised Guidelines 2015 will also be launched. Key speakers from the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (ISDR), the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) Secretariat will be present.

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the INSARAG Member States, UN agencies, international and humanitarian organizations, and emergency responders, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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