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Topic

GRG Break Out:
Technical Guidance Reference/Best Practice Guide

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Three Key Discussion Areas:

1. Does INSARAG need an official platform? In which form?
2. Who is producing these products? National USAR team SOPs? Who is the owner? Who is authorizing body?
3. INSARAG recognized/endorsed? Not binding. Who is responsible for quality control – in line with INSARAG Methodology?

Three Recommendations/Feedback

1. Does INSARAG need an official platform? In which form? →INSARAG Technical Guidance Notes-exist already.

The majority of the participants agrees that an information platform would/could be of benefit. About the type and platform, there are divergent ideas: insarag.org / VO,virtual OSOCC, facebook page, dropbox, social media, etc.

2. Who is producing these products? National USAR team SOPs? Who is the owner? Who is authorizing body?

The majority of the participants believe that the teams (already classified or undergoing IEC) or anyone within the INSARAG community could be producing and sharing their experience →no consensus achieved.

The majority of the participants believe that there must be a national authorizing/monitoring party (national responsibility) and an INSARAG authorizing/monitoring party (responsibility INSARAG secretariat) →no consensus achieved.

3. INSARAG recognized/endorsed? Not binding. Who is responsible for quality control – in line with INSARAG Methodology?

→No consensus achieved at all.

-Some of the participants believe it should be a completely open platform, under individual self control and social validation framework @legal implications could occur be misuse of this platform!

-Others believe, it must be monitored by INSARAG to be in line with the INSARAG methodology.

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In general the facilitators did not find a great passion and urgency for this topic by the participants and could not discover yet a line of action for a platform that could reach consensus

The facilitators propose:

1. To use for the time the INSARAG Technical Guidance Notes at INSARAG.org
2. GRG to propose and draft a structure
3. INSARAG secretariat to monitor the injects