

	Issues (from ISG 2019)	ISG Recommendations
1.	Strengthening Localisation through INSARAG support to National Accreditation Processes (NAP)	<p>Many Countries across the regions, are eager to learn more and set up a national accreditation process, eventually having it recognized through the INSARAG process called “INSARAG recognized National Accreditation Process (IRNAP), and, following the recommendation from the Americas Regional Group in 2019, a Working Group with representation from all the regions is recommended to start in 2020.</p> <p>The INSARAG guidance on the National Accreditation Process (NAP) will be fully detailed in the INSARAG Guidelines to guide the INSARAG network, and further complemented in a technical guidance note on the INSARAG Recognized National Accreditation Process (IRNAP), which already exists and in an evolution of the IERSP Manual of 2017.</p> <p>ISG Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The INSARAG Guidelines Volume II provides comprehensive information on the process. 2. The ISG strongly recommends countries adopt and apply INSARAG guidance on the national accreditation process as a first step to strengthening national and local capacity. 3. The ISG directs the National Accreditation Working Group (NAWG) be formalized and led by Co-Chairs and members from all 3 regions to work on implementing coherence in the system.
2.	Flexible Response to stay Relevant	<p>According to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, only 8% of all the natural disasters between 1995-2015 were Earthquakes. The most common was floods followed by storms, which combined are responsible for over 70% of all-natural disasters. Given the increasing intensity and frequency of natural disasters compounded by the climate crisis, it is suggested that rescue teams, including USAR teams, are required to show an increased level of agility and flexibility and stay relevant to save lives beyond collapse structure emergencies.</p> <p>ISG Recommendations: Recognizing the call for an increasing degree of flexibility and agility by INSARAG, the network will lead consultations with its members and partners to define how “flexibility in response operations” can be implemented within INSARAG</p>
3.	INSARAG Guidelines Review Version 2020- Next Steps	<p>The ISG is pleased to note that following extensive global consultations using various face to face engagements and online media, the Final Draft Version of the INSARAG Guidelines 2020 is now completed.</p> <p>The ISG warmly congratulates the GRG Co -chairs David and Anwar from Switzerland and Singapore respectively and the global team of GRG members including working group members for the hard work and commitment in the past 2 years. The ISG records its deepest thanks to the global network for their feedback into the new guidelines.</p>

		<p><u>ISG Recommendations:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the INSARAG Guidelines 2020 – for another 5 years to 2025 and encourage member states to translate them to their local languages for wider dissemination. 2. Inform on an on-line INSARAG Library of Best Practices will be available to the network and all relevant topics to be considered for global sharing will first go through a review team, or existing INSARAG working group. 3. Recommend that the guidelines be launched in the INSARAG Global Meeting in Warsaw, in October 2020. 4. Recommend that a GRG -Transition team be established to support the Secretariat to maintain the guidelines and to hand over to the next team in 2023. 5. The Co-Chair approach worked very successfully for GRG and recommend these for all working groups for a fixed term of 24 months.
4.	Reviewing the INSARAG Earthquake Response Exercise (ERE)	<p>The INSARAG Earthquake Response Exercises (ERE) was last reviewed more than 5 years ago. Today the ERE caters to the participation of regional organisations, WHO EMTs, UN HCTs, and other first response national and international responders. A review with relevant participation across the networks will strengthen the outreach and learning objectives of such exercises.</p> <p><u>ISG Recommendations:</u></p> <p>Recommend that the ISG endorses a review of the ERE in Geneva in 2020 with suitable experts from relevant stakeholders and facilitated by ERS and the Secretariat.</p>
5.	Warsaw Declaration	<p>Following in-depth discussions in 2019 on the strategic objectives of INSARAG for the Warsaw Declaration, a consolidated draft is summarized and attached.</p> <p><u>ISG Recommendations:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ISG welcomes the Warsaw Declaration and encourages the Regional Groups to review and provide feedback to the Secretariat. 2. Encourages the Regional Chairs to take the lead in consultations in their respective regions. 3. Regional Chairs are encouraged to discuss with donor countries in the region and consider supporting and funding the participation of NDMO representatives from disaster-prone countries in their regions to the global meeting in October.