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ANNEX I
 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS
 Audit of Aviation Safety in UNIFIL

Para. no.	Recommendation	Accepted? (Yes/No)	Implementation date	Client comments
12	UNIFIL should ensure that the Mission Aviation Safety Council's (MASC) decisions are assigned reasonable target dates for implementation; (ii) the minutes of each MASC meeting are prepared, reviewed, approved and disseminated; and (iii) additional steps are taken to ensure Mission directives on aviation safety issues are complied with.	Yes	30 July 2011	(i) Starting from the next MASC (July 2011) reasonable target dates for the implementation of the corrective actions/recommendations will be established; (ii) All MASC minutes have been prepared, approved and disseminated as required except for the minutes of February 2010; (iii) Mission management will ensure that when required, additional steps to enforce the implementation of the Mission's directives on aviation safety matters, are adopted.
18	UNIFIL should: (i) finalize standard operating procedures for Aviation Operational Risk Management (ORM) disseminate them to staff; and (ii) provide training to relevant aviation personnel on ORM in order to ensure proper application of ORM principles.	Yes	31 August 2011	(i) The draft Aviation Operational Risk Management SOPs will be amended in accordance with the recently approved Aviation Section SOPs, submitted for approval and further dissemination; (ii) Aviation ORM training will be provided to the relevant aviation personnel to ensure proper application of the ORM principles.
24	UNIFIL, with the assistance of the Regional Aviation Safety Officer, should: (i) conduct live and desk-top exercises of its Aviation Emergency Response Plan (AERP) in accordance with the Regional Directive for the Aviation Safety Office; (ii) update/improve the AERP based on the results of these exercises; and (iii) revise / finalize its Search and Rescue plan and helipad emergency plan to ensure compliance with the Aviation Manual and completeness of its AERP.	Yes	31 August 2011	A plan for building up the Aviation Emergency Response Preparedness of UNIFIL was developed by RASO and provided to Mil ASO and CAVO on 10 June 2011; (i) A live exercise for testing the "immediate emergency response actions" in case of an aircraft accident in Naqoura heliport was conducted on 28 th June 2011 and another AERP exercise, but at a larger scale, will be conducted at the end of July 2011; (ii) Based on the results of both exercises, the AERP will be amended, if required; (iii) The Search and Rescue Plan as part of the recently approved Aviation SOP will be tested during the AERP exercise to be conducted in July 2011.

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30	UNIFIL, in consultation with Department of Field Support, should: (i) assign responsibilities for aviation safety oversight of its Maritime Task Force (MTF) helicopter; and (ii) implement operational risk management for planning and execution of flights by the MTF helicopter.	Yes	31 August 2011	UNIFIL will request guidance and specific instructions from DFS Air Transport and Aviation Safety Sections regarding this audit recommendation. For the time being, UNIFIL CAVO and MTF Commander have agreed that MTF helicopter's crew members will receive the standard aviation induction training upon arrival and that their flight missions will be included in the Mission's daily flight schedule.
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