

**THE INTERNATIONAL COSPAS-SARSAT
PROGRAMME AGREEMENT
DONE AT PARIS ON 1 JULY 1988**

Entry into force:	In accordance with Article 20, paragraph 2, the Agreement entered into force on 30 August 1988.
Status:	4 Parties; 26 Ground Segment Providers; 11 User States

A. Parties to the Agreement

State	Date of signature not subject to ratification, acceptance or approval	Date of deposit of instrument of accession	Effective date
Canada	1 July 1988		30 August 1988
France	1 July 1988		30 August 1988
Russian Federation	1 July 1988		30 August 1988
United States	1 July 1988		30 August 1988

B. Other participating States

1) Ground Segment Providers

State	Date of deposit of letter of Notification of Association	Effective date
Algeria (1)	10 April 1996	10 May 1996
Argentina (1)	10 December 2001	9 January 2002
Australia (2)	23 May 1991	22 June 1991
Brazil (1)	10 June 1992	10 July 1992
Chile (1)	23 January 1990	23 February 1990
China (2)(6)	26 February 1997	28 March 1997
Greece (2)(7)	13 April 2006	13 May 2006
India (1)	23 April 1991	23 May 1991
Indonesia (2)	28 May 1992	27 June 1992
Italy (1)	28 December 1990	27 January 1991
Japan (2)	10 June 1993	10 July 1993
New Zealand (1)	15 April 1993	15 May 1993
Nigeria (2)(5)	20 April 2004	20 May 2004
Norway (2)	30 November 1990	30 December 1990
Pakistan (2)	13 September 1991	13 October 1991
Peru (2)	28 October 1996	27 November 1996
Republic of Korea (2)	25 September 1995	25 October 1995
Saudi Arabia (1)	20 July 2000	19 August 2000
Singapore (2)	23 September 1992	23 October 1992
South Africa (2)	3 October 2000	2 November 2000
Spain (2)	8 June 1992	8 July 1992
Thailand (1)	20 October 1999	19 November 1999
Turkey (1)	12 May 2005	11 June 2005
United Arab Emirates (1)	27 October 2009	26 November 2009
United Kingdom (2)	7 February 1990	9 March 1990
Viet Nam (2)	27 May 2002	26 June 2002

2) User States		
State	Date of deposit of letter of Notification of Association	Effective date
Cyprus (2)	6 September 2006	6 October 2006
Denmark (1)	6 February 1991	8 March 1991
Finland (2)	5 February 2010	7 March 2010
Germany (1)(3)	17 November 1992	17 December 1992
Madagascar (1)(8)	12 March 1996	11 April 1996
Netherlands (2)(4)	1 February 1995	3 March 1995
Poland (1)	17 August 2005	16 September 2005
Serbia (1)	17 June 2010	17 July 2010
Sweden (1)	24 September 1990	24 October 1990
Switzerland (1)	15 January 1991	14 February 1991
Tunisia (1)	6 July 1994	5 August 1994

- (1) Deposit effected at ICAO.
- (2) Deposit effected at IMO.
- (3) The letter of Notification of Association as a User State by the Government of Germany was accompanied by the following reservation:
“As regards the application of the liability clause according to paragraph 5.2 of the Notification, a reservation is made in so far as potential liability claims against the Federal Republic of Germany by third parties for injuries, damage or financial losses that might arise from their use of the System or from the association of the Federal Republic of Germany with the Programme remain unaffected under German national law”.
- (4) The association applies only to the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.
- (5) On 1 February 2001, Nigeria deposited with IMO its Notification of Association as a User State which became effective on 3 March 2001. On 20 April 2004, Nigeria deposited with IMO its Notification of Association as a Ground Segment Provider which became effective on 20 May 2004. On that date, the status of Nigeria as a User State ceased.
- (6) On 19 October 1992, China deposited with IMO its Notification of Association as a User State which became effective on 18 November 1992. On 26 February 1997, China deposited with IMO its Notification of Association as a Ground Segment Provider which became effective on 28 March 1997. On that date, the status of China as a User State ceased.
- (7) On 14 August 1992, Greece deposited with IMO its Notification of Association as a User State which became effective on 13 September 1992. On 13 April 2006, Greece deposited with IMO its Notification of Association as a Ground Segment Provider which became effective on 13 May 2006. On that date, the status of Greece as a User State ceased.
- (8) On 18 December 2014, Madagascar deposited with ICAO a letter notifying of its decision to terminate its association as a User State with the International COSPAS-SARSAT Programme. The termination shall take effect on 16 June 2015, 180 days after the date of receipt of the letter of notification of termination (pursuant to paragraph 7.2 of Madagascar’s Letter of Notification of Association with the International COSPAS-SARSAT Programme Agreement as a User State).