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ASSOCIATED WITH OR CONTRIBUTING TO THE COSPAS-SARSAT PROGRAMME**

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I. PARTIES - SPACE SEGMENT PROVIDERS		
Participant	Cooperating Agency/ Representative (effective date of tenure)	Effective Date of Association
Canada	National SAR Secretariat (NSS), Public Safety Canada Mr Greg Surek (1 July 2025)	30 August 1988
France	Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES) Mr Bruno Chazal (10 September 2015)	30 August 1988
Russian Federation *	Morsviasputnik Mr Andrey Kuropyatnikov (August 2011)	30 August 1988
USA	United States Coast Guard (US CG) Mr Layne Carter (1 September 2025)	30 August 1988

* The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation notified the International Maritime Organization (IMO), on 6 January 1992 that the membership of the USSR in the International Cospas-Sarsat Programme was continued by the Russian Federation.

II. PARTICIPANTS - GROUND SEGMENT PROVIDERS

Participant	Agency/ Representative (effective date of tenure)	Effective Date of Association/ Depository
Algeria	Service SAR, Ministère de la Défense Nationale Colonel Benzarour Hamza, Chef du Service SAR (15 September 2025)	10 May 1996 ICAO
Argentina	Argentina Air Force – SASS (Satellite Distress Alert Service) Mr Ángel Adolfo Thompson, Head of SASS, ARMCC (28 April 2025)	9 January 2002 ICAO
Australia	Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Ms Leanne Loan, Executive Director, Policy and Regulation (15 October 2021)	22 June 1991 IMO
Brazil	Air Space Control Department (DECEA) Operations Sub Department (SDOP) Major Bruno Vieira Passos (8 March 2022)	10 July 1992 ICAO
Chile	Servicio de Búsqueda y Salvamento de la Fuerza Aérea de Chile Lt General Máximo Venegas Raggio, Head of SAR Services, Chilean Air Force (24 November 2024)	23 February 1990 ICAO
China (P.R.) ¹	Maritime Safety Administration, the People's Republic of China Mr Xu Wei, Director General (January 2026)	28 March 1997 IMO
Cyprus ²	Larnaca Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre Lt Cdr (Navy) George Economou, JRCC Commander (4 August 2025)	8 April 2017 ICAO
Greece ³	Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy Captain (HCG) Konstantinos Psychogios, Director of Operations (7 May 2025)	13 May 2006 IMO
India	Department of Space, Government of India Shri Manish Saxena, Director SCN-PO, ISRO (26 September 2025)	23 May 1991 ICAO
Indonesia	National SAR Agency of Indonesia (BASARNAS) Brigadier General TNI Tofik Tofana, Director of Communication System (24 December 2024)	27 June 1992 IMO
Italy	Dipartimento della Protezione Civile Cdr Giuseppe Antonio Danese, Director of Italian Satellite Station (28 August 2023)	27 January 1991 ICAO
Japan	Japan Coast Guard, Info-Communications Division, Administration Dept., Captain Arakawa Naohide, Director (15 April 2024)	10 July 1993 IMO
Korea (Rep. of)	Korea Coast Guard Mr Min Ung Song, Director, Information & Communication Division (29 July 2024)	25 October 1995 IMO
Malaysia	Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) First Admiral Maritime Kamal Ariffin Jusoh, Director of Maritime Search and Rescue & Disaster Management Division (March 2025)	28 December 2016 ICAO
New Zealand	Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ) Mr Justin Keith Allan, Manager RCCNZ & Safety Services (18 October 2021)	15 May 1993 ICAO

¹ P. R. of China originally joined as User State as of 18 November 1992.

² Cyprus originally joined as User State as of 6 October 2006.

³ Greece originally joined as User State as of 13 September 1992.

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Participant	Agency/ Representative (effective date of tenure)	Effective Date of Association/ Depository
Nigeria ⁴	National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Air Commodore Bature Usman, Director SAR (14 November 2025)	20 May 2004 IMO
Norway	Royal Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security Mr Tore Wangsfjord, Head of NMCC (1 January 2020)	30 December 1990 IMO
Pakistan	Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) Mr Zafar Iqbal, Member SAR, Space Applications and Research (1 October 2020)	13 October 1991 IMO
Peru	Dirección General de Capitanías y Guardacostas, Peruvian Navy Rear Admiral Jorge Portocarrero Castillo, Director General (8 August 2025)	27 November 1996 IMO
Qatar (State of)	Doha Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (DJRCC/QAMCC) Ministry of Defence, Brigadier (Air) Rashid Sultan Rashid Al Hitmi, Commander of DJRCC/QAMCC (1 September 2025)	12 November 2017 ICAO
Saudi Arabia	General Authority of Civil Aviation (Directorate of Air Traffic Services) Mr Fahad Saud O Alharbi, SAR Manager - Head of SAMCC (10 April 2016)	19 August 2000 ICAO
Singapore	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Mr Tai Kit, Head Air Control Specialist (SAR/ Contingency Planning) (7 December 2011) Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, Operations Planning & Pilotage Department, Capt Dilshad Ahmad, Principal Marine Manager (1 August 2023)	23 October 1992 ICAO IMO
South Africa	National Department of Transport of Republic of South Africa Mr Chueu Terrence Mabuela, Director of Search and Rescue (1 September 2023)	2 November 2000 IMO
Spain	Instituto Nacional de Técnica Aeroespacial (INTA) Mr José Álvaro Martínez-Villalobos Castillo Director, Centre Espacial de Canarias (16 October 2022)	8 July 1992 IMO
Thailand	Department of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Transport The Director General	19 November 1999 ICAO
Togo	Le Ministère des Infrastructures et des transports Colonel Neyo Takougnadi, Rapporteur de la Commission MEOLUT NEXT (11 December 2020)	11 January 2019 ICAO
Türkiye	Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Ms Gülsima Bilgin, Head of TRMCC (22 May 2024)	11 June 2005 ICAO
United Arab Emirates	Telecommunication Regulatory Authority Mr Tariq Al Awadhi, Executive Director, Spectrum and International Affairs (7 December 2008)	26 November 2009 ICAO

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Nigeria originally joined as User State as of 3 March 2001.

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Participant	Agency/ Representative (effective date of tenure)	Effective Date of Association/ Depository
United Kingdom	Maritime and Coastguard Agency Mr Christopher Hopkins, Satellite Communications and UKMCC Manager (11 April 2023)	9 March 1990 IMO
Vietnam	Vietnam Maritime and Waterway Administration (VIMAWA) Mr Le Do Muoi, Administrator (29 August 2025)	26 June 2002 IMO
	Vietnam Maritime Communication and Electronics LLC (VISHIPEL) Mr Phan Ngoc Quang, Director (4 September 2015)	

III. PARTICIPANTS - USER STATES

Participant	Agency/ Representative (effective date of tenure)	Effective Date of Association/ Depository
Denmark	Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority Mr Claus Bildsoe Gerlén, Chief Inspector, Department for Civil Aviation (1 June 2012)	8 March 1991 ICAO
Finland	Ministry of the Interior / The Finnish Border Guard Lieutenant Commander Sami Järvenpää, Maritime SAR Adviser (22 September 2020)	7 March 2010 IMO
Germany	Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure Mr Philipp Merkel, Executive Officer, Division LF 16 (1 April 2024)	17 December 1992 ICAO
Netherlands (The)	The Netherlands Coastguard Mr René Slikker, Information Manager (1 March 2017)	3 March 1995 IMO
Poland	Civil Aviation Authority, Air Navigation Department Mr Adam Konarzewski PhD, Senior Specialist (16 October 2023)	16 September 2005 ICAO
Serbia	Civil Aviation Directorate of the Republic of Serbia Mrs Mirjana Cizmarov, Director (13 January 2015)	17 July 2010 ICAO
Sweden	Swedish Civil Defense and Resilience Agency Mr Fredrik Liljegren, Administrator, Rescue Service and Civil Protection Department (13 January 2026)	24 October 1990 ICAO
Switzerland	Federal Office of Civil Aviation Mr Daniel Ponzini, Head of SAR (1 January 2026)	14 February 1991 ICAO
Tunisia	Ministère du Transport, Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile (DGAC) Mr Bilel Nasri, Directeur de recherche et sauvetage (26 February 2025)	5 August 1994 ICAO

IV. PARTICIPANTS - ORGANISATIONS

Participant	Agency/ Representative (effective date of tenure)	Effective Date of Association
ITDC	Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd. Mr Hai-Long Pan, Assistant Vice President (21 February 2022) (Association as Ground Segment Operator approved at CSC-7, notified to the Cospas-Sarsat Secretariat on 5 May 1992)	4 June 1992
Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong Marine Department Mr Sai Fat Wong, Director of Marine (2 March 2024) (Association as Ground Segment Operator approved at CSC-19, notified to the Cospas-Sarsat Secretariat on 27 May 1998)	28 June 1998

V. CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SPACE SEGMENT THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Provider	Agency/ Representative (effective date of tenure)	Date of Cooperation
EUMETSAT	European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites Mr Flavio Murolo, EUMETSAT Operations Department	25 October 2010
European Commission	DG Internal Market, Enterprise and Industry, EU Satellite Navigation Programmes Management Mr Antonio Rolla, Policy Officer, DG-GROW (22 November 2019)	14 Dec 2006 1 December 2016
China (P.R.) (See also China's Original Association as User State)	Maritime Safety Administration, the People's Republic of China Mr Xu Wei, Director General (January 2026)	18 November 1992 14 November 2022
India (See also India's Association as Ground Segment Provider)	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Government of India Shri Manish Saxena, Director SCN-PO, Department of Space, (26 September 2025)	23 February 2007

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