

**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY**

**CONCERNING CO-OPERATION IN RESPECT OF AERONAUTICAL AND  
MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE**

The Government of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

recognizing the provisions of Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, 1944 ( the Chicago Convention ) and of the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979 ( the SAR Convention ),

being aware that immediate rescue measures are of vital importance to persons in distress,

have agreed on the following.

**Article 1**

Within the scope of this Agreement the terms and definitions in Chapter 1 of Annex 12 to the Chicago Convention and Chapter 1 of the Annex to the SAR Convention shall be applicable.

**Article 2**

1. The boundary between the adjacent Flight Information Regions ( FIR ) of the Parties shall be the boundary between their search and rescue regions for aeronautical and maritime purposes ( hereinafter referred to as SAR regions ).

2. The delimitation of the SAR regions between the Kingdom of Sweden and the Kingdom of Norway shall not prejudice the delimitation of any other boundary between the two states.
3. Each Party shall ensure that adequate aeronautical and maritime search and rescue services ( hereinafter referred to as SAR services ), are available in respect of its own SAR region.

### Article 3

The responsible authorities of the Parties for co-operation of SAR services are:

#### In the Kingdom of Sweden

The Swedish Civil Aviation Administration	for aeronautical SAR services
The Swedish Maritime Administration	for maritime SAR services

#### In the Kingdom of Norway

The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Justice and the Police	for aeronautical and maritime SAR services
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### Article 4

The Parties are aware that search and rescue missions in or over the territorial sea, inland waters and land of either Party shall be carried out in accordance with the national legislation of the respective country.

### Article 5

1. If the SAR service of one of the Parties receives information to the effect that human life is, or is believed to be, in distress within the SAR region of the other Party, that service shall without delay inform the SAR service of the other Party.
2. If the SAR service of one of the Parties considers that assistance from the SAR services of the other is needed, it may request such assistance. The SAR service that has received such a request shall render assistance to the utmost possible extent. In this case, further measures shall be taken in co-operation between the SAR services of both Parties.
3. Assistance to any person in distress, or believed to be in distress, within the SAR region of either Party shall be rendered regardless of the nationality or status of such a person or the circumstances in which that person is found.

4. The Parties shall inform each other through relevant authorities of the rescue of survivors or the retrieval of perished persons who have, or are believed to have, citizenship of the other Party.

#### Article 6

The responsible authorities for the SAR services of the Parties shall develop and sign an operational agreement on co-operation for the practical implementation of this Agreement.

Such co-operation shall inter alia include: joint search and rescue exercises, regular checks of relevant communication channels, liaison visits by search and rescue experts and exchange of search and rescue information and experiences.

#### Article 7

The Parties agree that each side shall bear the expenses incurred by its participation in search and rescue missions in conformity with this Agreement.

#### Article 8

Nothing in this Agreement shall affect, in any way, the rights and obligations of either Party arising from other international agreements.

#### Article 9

1. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after its signing.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force until the expiration of twelve (12) months from the day that either Party in writing notifies the other Party of its decision to terminate this Agreement.

Done at Stockholm on the 11 December 2003  
in duplicate, in the English language.

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