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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

AGREEMENT
between
the Government of the Republic of Latvia
and
the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden
on Co-operation in Maritime and Aeronautical
Search and Rescue

The Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties),

bearing in mind the provisions of the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the SAR Convention) as well as the provisions of Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, 1944 (hereinafter referred to as the Chicago Convention),

conscious of the great importance of the rendering of assistance to persons in distress at sea and the establishment by the Contracting Parties of adequate and effective arrangements for search and rescue services,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

For the purpose of this Agreement the definitions contained in Chapter 1 of the Annex to the SAR Convention and Chapter 1 of Annex 12 to the Chicago Convention shall be applied.

Article 2

1. The boundary of the search and rescue regions of the Contracting Parties is identical with the boundary between their Flight Information Regions (FIR). The establishment of such boundary for search and rescue regions does not have any effect on any other boundary between the Contracting Parties.

2. Each Contracting Party ensures that the services responsible for maritime and aeronautical search and rescue (hereinafter referred to as SAR-services) are ready to provide assistance in their search and rescue regions.

Article 3

The authorities and/or organizations of the Contracting Parties responsible for co-operation in search and rescue are listed in the Attachment to this Agreement.

Article 4

The responsible authorities and/or organizations of the Contracting Parties shall work out and sign an Operational Agreement for co-operation in practical implementation of this Agreement. This co-operation includes, inter alia, joint search and rescue training, regular checks of intergovernmental communication channels, visits of search and rescue experts in order to keep up mutual relations as well as exchange of search and rescue information and experience.

Article 5

Search and rescue operations in and over the territorial sea, internal waters and land of a Contracting Party shall be conducted according to the national laws of that Contracting Party.

Article 6

1. If the SAR-service of a Contracting Party receives information to the effect that human life is, or is believed to be, in danger within that Contracting Party's search and rescue region, that service shall without delay take all necessary search and rescue measures.

2. If the SAR-service of a Contracting Party receives information to the effect that human life is, or is believed to be, in danger within the other Contracting Party's search and rescue region, that service shall without delay inform the SAR-service of the other Contracting Party.

3. If the SAR-service of a Contracting Party, in a situation referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, considers assistance of the other Contracting Party necessary it may request such assistance. The SAR-service that has received such a request shall render assistance to the best of its abilities. In such case, further measures shall be taken in co-operation between the SAR-services of the two Contracting Parties.

4. Assistance shall be rendered to any person in danger, or believed to be in danger, within a Contracting Party's search and rescue region, regardless of the nationality or status of such a person or the circumstances in which that person is found.

5. The Contracting Parties shall inform each other through relevant authorities of the rescue of survivors or the retrieval of perished persons which have or are believed to have citizenship of the other Contracting Party. The information shall be provided without delay and shall, as far as possible, include surname, first name, date of birth, home address, as well as details about the state of health and the whereabouts of the rescued person or the place where the body of the perished person is retained.

Article 7

Each Contracting Party shall bear its own expenses incurred in its participation in search and rescue operations under this Agreement.

Article 8

Nothing in this Agreement shall prejudice in any way the rights and obligations of either Contracting Party which arise from other international agreements concluded by the Contracting Parties.

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after its signing.

2. This Agreement shall be in force for an indefinite period. It may be terminated at any time by either Contracting Party notifying the other in writing through diplomatic channels. In such case, the Agreement shall cease to have effect six (6) months after reception of such notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Riga on the November 22, 1999 in duplicate in the English language.

For the Government
of the Republic of Latvia:



For the Government
of the Kingdom of Sweden:

