

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of the United States of America;

RECOGNIZING, the importance of cooperation in Maritime Search and Rescue and the need for ensuring expeditious and effective search and rescue services,

NOTING, the relevant provisions of the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOW :

ARTICLE I

The Badan SAR Nasional (an agency of the Department of Communications) of Indonesia, and the United States Coast Guard (and agency of the Department of Transportation) of the United States, are the National Search and Rescue Agencies which will implement this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

Either party, on receiving information of any person in distress at sea, shall take urgent measures to provide the most appropriate assistance available regardless of the nationality or status of such a person or the circumstances in which that person is found.

ARTICLE III

1. The adjacent SAR regions of each party are joined by a common line connecting the coordinates 6 N, 130 E; 6 N, 132 E; 3-30 N, 132 E; 3-30 N, 141 E; and 00 N, 141 E.

2. The Establishment of search and rescue regions is intended only to effect an understanding concerning the regions in which each party accepts primary responsibility for coordinating maritime search and rescue operations, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV

1. The parties, in conducting their search and rescue operations including the urgent measures referred to in Article III, shall cooperate with each other when necessary or appropriate and coordinate their search and rescue operations for that purpose.

2. For any search and rescue operation involving the rescue units of both parties, the parties shall decide in each case which party will have primary responsibility for coordinating the search and rescue operations through consultation.

3. To facilitate the coordination referred to in Paragraph 1, the parties shall, as appropriate, use common search and rescue procedures and means of communication.

ARTICLE V

1. The parties shall report to each other on maritime search and rescue cases of common interest when necessary or appropriate.

2. The parties shall endeavor to exchange information, in addition to that related to specific search and rescue cases, that may serve to improve the effectiveness of maritime search and rescue operations.

ARTICLE VI

The parties, to promote mutual cooperation in the field of maritime search and rescue, will give due consideration to various collaborative efforts including :

(A) Mutual visits between search and rescue program managers and rescue coordination center personnel,

(B) Conduct of joint exercises of search and rescue operations,

(C) Use of standard search and rescue procedures and communications,

(D) Provision of service in support of search and rescue operations such as use of fueling or medical facilities, and

(E) Support and use of the automated mutual assistance vessel rescue (AMVER) system to enhance availability of SAR resources, and solely to assist those in distress at sea.

ARTICLE VII

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect in any way rights and duties based on other international agreements pertaining to either party.

2. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to prevent either party from conducting SAR in accordance with the rights and duties based on international law.

3. The parties will implement this Agreement in accordance with international law and their respective national laws and regulations.

ARTICLE VIII

1. The provisions of this Agreement are contingent upon availability of SAR personnel, facilities and funding.

2. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, each party will fund its own expenses for activities pertinent to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.

2. This Agreement may be terminated at the discretion of either party, upon six months advance written notice to the other party of its intention to terminate this Agreement, or on the date of the entering into force of a superseding agreement.

3. Termination as referred to in Paragraph 2 above shall not affect maritime search and rescue operations which have been undertaken hereunder and are not yet completed at the time of termination as referred to in Paragraph 2 unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

4. This Agreement may be amended by written agreement between the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at *Jakarta* this, *fifth* day of *July* nineteen eighty eight in two original copies, in English language, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Signed

AZWAR ANAS

Signed

PAUL WOLFOWITZ