

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
CONCERNING THE SARSAT SPACE SEGMENT

THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT:

CONSIDERING the International COSPAS-SARSAT Programme Agreement (ICSPA) signed in Paris by the United States of America, Canada, the French Republic, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on 1 July 1988, which entered into force on 30 August 1988;

AWARE of the cooperation among the United States of America, Canada, and the French Republic, through their Cooperating Agencies, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, the National Search and Rescue Secretariat, NSS, and the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, CNES, on the provision of worldwide satellite-aided alert and location services for distress and safety;

RECOGNIZING the need for close coordination between the United States of America, Canada, and the French Republic in order to meet their responsibilities under the ICSPA;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS: