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A. Agreement on cooperation on aeronautical and maritime search and rescue in the Arctic

Signed: 7th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting | Nuuk, Greenland, 2011

Depositary: Government of Canada

Date of this update: 17 Feb 2015

As noted in the text of the Agreement on Cooperation in Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue in the Arctic, the Agreement “shall enter into force 30 days after the date of receipt by the depositary of the last written notification through diplomatic channels that the Parties have completed the internal procedures required for its entry into force.”

This requirement had been met and the Agreement had come into force by the date of the Kiruna Ministerial Meeting in 2013, at which Ministers for the Arctic Council States “**Appreciate[d]** that the first legally binding agreement negotiated under the auspices of the Arctic Council, the Agreement on Cooperation in Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue in the Arctic, has come into force...”

B. Agreement on cooperation on marine oil pollution preparedness and response in the Arctic

Signed: 8th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting | Kiruna, Sweden, 2013

Depositary: Government of Norway

Date of this update: 25 Feb 2016

Norway, as Depositary of the Agreement, has informed the Arctic Council Secretariat that, as of February 2016, the following Arctic states have completed their internal procedures as required for the entry into force of the Agreement. In accordance with Article 22 (2) of the Agreement, the Agreement will enter into force 30 days after the date of receipt by the Depositary of the last notification that the Parties have completed their internal procedures required for entry into force.

Norway (depositary, approved by royal decree on 19 April 2013)

Finland (date of notification to the depositary: 21 November 2013)

Russian Federation (date of notification to the depositary: 17 December 2013)

Canada (date of notification to the depositary: 13 February 2014)

Iceland (date of notification to the depositary: 14 September 2015)

Sweden (date of notification to the depositary: 12 November 2015)

United States (date of notification to the depositary: 20 October 2015)

Kingdom of Denmark (date of notification to the depositary: 24 February 2016)