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# Seminar on Satellite-Aided Distress Tracking

Agenda Item 8 – MCC-SPOC  
Agreements





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Agreement

Declaration of Intent to Cooperate

Letter of Agreement

Memorandum of Understanding

Working Arrangement

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# Benefits of agreements

- Both parties know what to expect of the other
- Clearer procedures – more efficient operation
- More chance of successful test transmissions
- Improved SAR service within a State
- Improved SAR system globally

IAMSAR Manual, Volume I (Doc 9731) contains guidance on SAR Agreements throughout, and a sample agreement in Appendix I





# Successes

SPOC	MCC	Dated
Benin	Spain	23 November 2021
Cameroon	Spain	24 August 2022
Gambia	Spain	25 November 2021
Ghana	Spain	17 November 2021
Niger	Algeria	27 January 2022
Somalia	Italy	1 October 2021





## What is in the agreement?

Or, “What am I signing up for?!”

The MCC will:

- provide distress alerts and location data;
- provide updates on the Cospas-Sarsat system status; and
- consult with the SPOC to ensure implementation of the agreement.

The SPOC will:

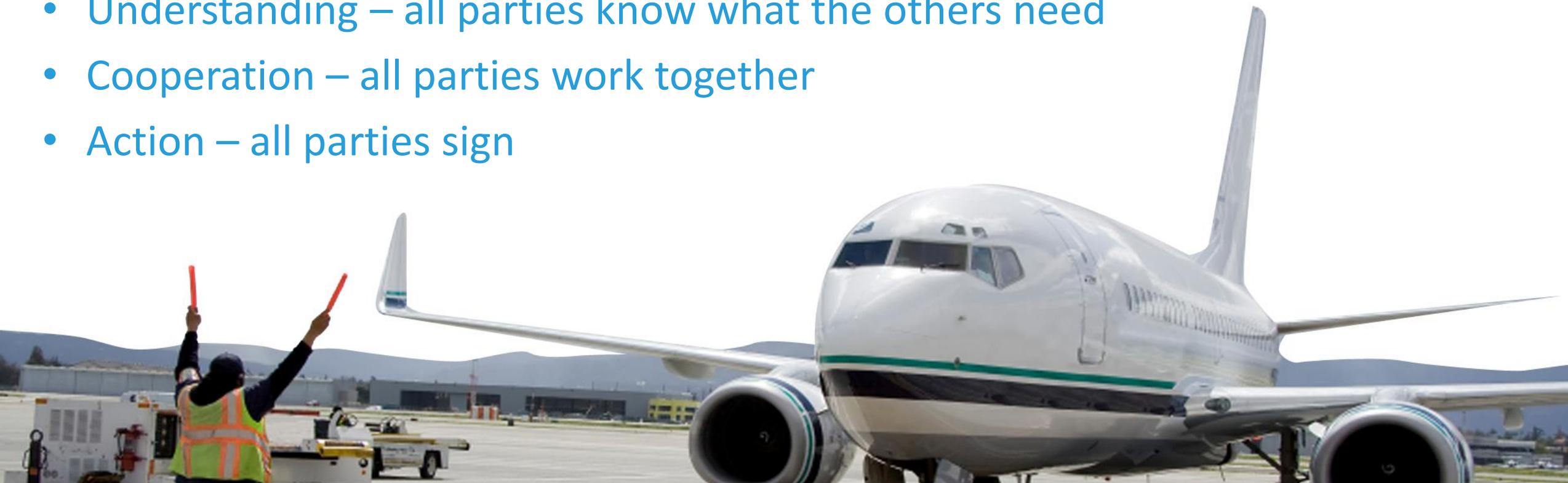
- receive distress alerts and location data;
- develop a plan for distribution of alerts to SAR authorities within its SRR;
- respond to monthly communications test; and
- provide updates to contact details as appropriate.





# What is needed for an Agreement?

- Will – desire to improve the SAR service/system
- Understanding – all parties know what the others need
- Cooperation – all parties work together
- Action – all parties sign





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# Questions?

