

## How is the Agreement maintained?

A requirement of the Agreement between UNC and the Government of Japan is to exercise it, which the UNC-R achieves by exercising the use of the seven UN/US bases by UNC Sending States. These nations regularly send ships, aircraft, and personnel to UN bases in Japan under the UN flag. By doing so, Sending States are able to rehearse the procedures necessary to conduct missions during a contingency and to enable U.S. Forces Japan (USFJ) to enhance their preparedness to support Sending State forces which would either transit through or operate from Japan. All logistic support for visiting Sending State forces is provided by USFJ. As such, USFJ is a key partner and enabler.



The seven UN-designated bases in Japan: Camp Zama, Yokota Air Base and Yokosuka Naval Base on Honshu; Sasebo Naval Base on Kyushu; and Kadena Air Base, White Beach Naval Facility, and Futenma Marine Corps Air Station on Okinawa.



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## United Nations Command-Rear Fact Sheet



## History

General Headquarters United Nations Command (UNC) was established in Tokyo under the command of General Douglas MacArthur following United Nations Security Council Resolution 84 being passed. The primary purpose of UNC was to provide command and control for the UN Forces involved in the Korean War. When Japan regained sovereignty in September 1951, the “Treaty of San Francisco” included notes which detailed that Japan would permit the continued operation of UN bases in Japan to support UN actions relating to UNSCR 84.

## UNC and Government of Japan Agreement

On 19 February 1954, these notes were formalized and a number of the UN Sending States and Japan signed an agreement regarding United Nations Forces in Japan.



### Why was UNC-R formed?

When UNC Headquarters relocated from Tokyo to Seoul in 1957, a small element was left behind to maintain the UNC agreement with Japan. This unit became “United Nations Command-Rear.” In a contingency UNC-R manages force flow from sending state nations based in Japan.

### What does the agreement permit?

The UNC agreement allows for UN bases in Japan to provide logistics support. UNC-R is required to notify the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs that activity under the agreement is taking place, but the agreement is the approval authority.

## What does the agreement require?

The UNC agreement requires UNC to comply with the following stipulations:

- UNC must maintain a presence in Japan – this is done by UNC-R
- UNC-R must be multinational – the Commander is Australian and the Deputy is Canadian
- The U.S. and Japan must mutually designate U.S. bases for co-use by UNC Member Nations
- UNC-designated bases must fly the UN flag
- UNC-R must exercise the use of those bases by Sending States

## Current Signatories

The current signatories to the UNC agreement are Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, The United Kingdom and the United States.