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STATUS OF CONSTITUENT AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION

<i>Executive Summary:</i>	this document sets out the list of Parties to the IMSO Convention
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	to note that, since the Eighteenth Session of the IMSO Assembly in September 2006, the Cook Islands and Vanuatu have acceded to the IMSO Convention, bringing the total membership to 93
<i>Related documents:</i>	none

1 BACKGROUND

Since the Eighteenth Session of the IMSO Assembly in September 2006, the Cook Islands **and Vanuatu** acceded to the IMSO Convention on 31 October 2007 **and 20 August 2008**, by ratifying the Convention as amended in 2006. The membership of the Organization is **93** Member States. The current list of membership of the Organization, as at **16 September 2008** is attached.

Enquiries regarding the possibility of membership of the Organization have been received from a number of States, which, in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure for the Assembly, have been invited to attend this Session of the Assembly as observers.

2 **ACTION REQUIRED**

The Assembly notes that the Cook Islands **and Vanuatu** acceded to the IMSO Convention on 31 October 2007 **and 20 August 2008, respectively**, bringing the membership of the Organization to **93**.

**LIST OF PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
ON THE INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANIZATION**

Member State	Date of Signature	Date of Entry into Force	Date of Acceptance of 2006 amendments
Algeria (signature)	15 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Argentina (accession)	02 October 1979	02 October 1979	
Australia (ratification)	16 March 1979	16 July 1979	
Bahamas (accession)	12 May 1994	12 May 1994	
Bahrain, State of (accession)	8 January 1986 3/	08 January 1986	
Bangladesh (accession)	17 September 1993	17 September 1993	
Belarus (acceptance)	29 March 1979	16 July 1979	
Belgium (ratification)	14 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Bosnia and Herzegovina (accession)	17 April 1998	17 April 1998	
Brazil (ratification)	10 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Brunei Darussalam (accession)	04 October 1993	04 October 1993	
Bulgaria (approval)	15 June 1979	16 July 1979	
Cameroon (ratification)	23 October 1990	23 October 1990	
Canada (signature)	17 May 1979 3/	16 July 1979	
Chile (ratification)	26 February 1981	26 February 1981	
China (signature) 8/	13 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Colombia (accession)	28 October 1987	28 October 1987	
Comoros	22 November 2000	22 November 2000	
Cook Islands * (accession)	31 October 2007	31 October 2007	
Costa Rica (accession)	05 June 1995	05 June 1995	
Croatia (accession)	24 November 1992	24 November 1992	
Cuba (accession)	25 July 1989	25 July 1989	
Cyprus (accession)	08 June 1992	08 June 1992	
Czech Republic (accession) 7/	07 December 1988	07 December 1988	
Denmark (signature)	10 May 1979	16 July 1979	
Egypt (accession) 1/	29 November 1977	16 July 1979	
Finland (ratification)	12 July 1979	16 July 1979	
France (ratification)	18 October 1979	18 October 1979	
Gabon (accession)	28 December 1984	28 December 1984	
Germany 5/	23 October 1979	23 October 1979	
Ghana (accession)	11 July 1995	11 July 1995	
Greece (ratification)	13 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Hungary (accession)	24 July 1997	24 July 1997	
Iceland (accession)	26 March 1991	26 March 1991	
India (ratification)	06 June 1978	16 July 1979	
Indonesia, Republic of (accession) 1/	9 October 1986 3/	09 October 1986	
Iran, Islamic Republic of (accession)	12 October 1984 3/	12 October 1984	
Iraq (ratification)	21 July 1980 3/	21 July 1980	
Israel (accession)	13 October 1987	13 October 1987	
Italy (ratification) 1/	10 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Japan (acceptance)	25 November 1977	16 July 1979	
Kenya (accession)	21 July 1998	21 July 1998	
Korea, Republic of (accession)	16 September 1985 3/	16 September 1985	
Kuwait (ratification) 1/	25 February 1977	16 July 1979	
Latvia (accession)	22 March 1995	22 March 1995	
Lebanon (accession)	29 December 1994	29 December 1994	
Liberia (ratification)	14 November 1980 3/	14 November 1980	
Libya (accession)	29 January 1999	29 January 1999	
Malaysia (accession)	12 June 1986	12 June 1986	

Malta (accession)	11 January 1991	11 January 1991	
Marshall Islands (accession)	12 May 1997	12 May 1997	
Mauritius (accession)	07 December 1992	07 December 1992	
Mexico (accession)	10 January 1994	10 January 1994	
Monaco (accession)	01 October 1990	01 October 1990	
Montenegro	03 June 2006	03 June 2006	
Morocco (accession)	21 June 1999	21 June 1999	
Mozambique (accession)	18 April 1990	18 April 1990	
Netherlands (approval) 4/	15 June 1979	16 July 1979	
New Zealand (signature)	17 August 1977	16 July 1979	
Nigeria (accession)	23 February 1988	23 February 1988	
Norway (ratification)	10 October 1978	16 July 1979	
Oman (accession)	30 December 1980	30 December 1980	
Pakistan (accession)	6 February 1985 3/	06 February 1985	
Panama (accession)	26 October 1987	26 October 1987	
Peru (accession)	30 October 1987	30 October 1987	
Philippines (accession)	30 March 1981	30 March 1981	
Poland (ratification)	03 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Portugal (signature)	13 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Qatar (accession)	12 March 1987	28 September 1987	
Romania (accession)	27 September 1990	27 September 1990	
Russian Federation 6/	13 March 1979	16 July 1979	
Saudi Arabia (accession)	5 October 1983 3/	05 October 1983	
Senegal (accession)	16 June 1994	16 June 1994	
Serbia, Republic of 9/ (accession)	27 September 1990	27 September 1990	
Singapore (signature)	29 June 1979	16 July 1979	
Slovak Republic (accession)	20 July 1993	29 July 1993	18 January 2008
South Africa, Republic of (accession)	03 March 1994	03 March 1994	
Spain (ratification)	05 September 1978	16 July 1979	
Sri Lanka (accession)	15 December 1981 3/	15 December 1981	
Sweden (signature)	19 June 1979	16 July 1979	
Switzerland (accession)	17 May 1989	17 May 1989	
Tanzania (accession)	21 December 1998	21 December 1998	
Thailand (accession)	14 December 1994	14 December 1994	
Kingdom of Tonga (accession)	18 September 2003	18 September 2003	
Tunisia (accession)	09 May 1983	09 May 1983	
Turkey (ratification)	16 November 1989	16 November 1989	
Ukraine (acceptance)	29 March 1979	16 July 1979	
United Arab Emirates (accession) 1/	13 January 1983	13 January 1983	
United Kingdom (ratification) 2/	30 April 1979	16 July 1979	
United States (signature)	15 February 1979	16 July 1979	
Vanuatu * (accession)	20 August 2008	20 August 2008	
Venezuela	27 April 2005	27 April 2005	
Vietnam (accession)	15 April 1998	15 April 1998	

TOTAL 93

NOTES:

* Parties which became Members of the Organization following the adoption by the Assembly of the amendments to the Convention in September 2006 (Cook Islands and Vanuatu), are not required to accept the amendments as they would be considered as having accepted them.

Amendments to the IMSO Convention were adopted by the IMSO Assembly in September 2006.

In accordance with Article 18 of the IMSO Convention, acceptance to the amendments is effected by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Depository of the Convention, the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The amendments shall enter into force one hundred and twenty (120) days after the Depository has received notices of acceptance from two-thirds of those States which, at the time of their adoption by the IMSO Assembly, were Parties to the IMSO Convention.

1/ With a declaration/statement.

2/ The United Kingdom declared that the Convention "shall apply to the Registers of British Ships registered in ports of register in the United Kingdom and, *inter alia*, in Bermuda

3/ Date of signature of the Operating Agreement.

4/ Approval by the Netherlands was declared to be effective in respect of the Netherlands Antilles.

5/ The Convention entered into force for the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) on 23 October 1979 and for the German Democratic Republic (GDR) on 24 September 1986. On 3 October 1990, the GDR acceded to the FRG to form one sovereign State which remains the Party to the Convention under the designation "Germany".

6/ Formerly USSR

7/ Formerly Czechoslovakia

8/ By a note dated 17 June 1997, the Government of the People's Republic of China stated that, with effect from 1 July 1997, the Inmarsat Convention shall apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

9/ The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia became a Party to the Inmarsat Convention on 27 September 1990.

By an Instrument of Succession dated 19 February 2002, in conformity with international law and practice, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as a successor State to the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, considers itself bound, as of April 27, 1992, i.e. the date on which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia became an independent State, by the multilateral international treaties to which the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was a Party on that date, including reservations and declarations to their provisions made earlier by the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. This instrument of succession applies to the Convention on the International Mobile Satellite Organization (formerly called the Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT)), as amended. By Diplomatic Note dated 5 February 2003, IMSO was informed that the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed on 4 February 2003 to Serbia and Montenegro. By Diplomatic Note dated 6 June 2006, IMSO was informed that, following the declaration of the state independence of Montenegro, the Republic of Serbia is the continuing international personality of the state union of Serbia and Montenegro.