

Statement By The Chairperson Of The Open Skies Consultative Commission

1. The purpose of OSF 26 messages is to publish changes, additions and deletions to information. There is currently no simple method for a State Party or group of States Parties to publish an OSF 26 message which contains a summary of all the current relevant information in one consolidated list.
2. Therefore, in order to provide a complete current list of all relevant material, it is agreed that States Parties or groups of States Parties will publish an OSF 26 by 15 March 2003, which lists all current information relating to Annex A, Section III, and Annex E—Appendix 1, Section II, for their State Party or group of States Parties. Paragraphs 5.A.(1), 5.B.(1), 5.C).(1), etc., of the OSF 26 will be left blank. The remarks section will read: “This OSF 26 is not intended to introduce changes/additions/deletions, but is a summary of all current information.
3. States Parties or groups of States Parties will continue to use an OSF 26, as required during the year, to indicate the changes/additions/deletions to relevant information. However, a consolidated OSF 26 is optional each time an OSF 26 is published. This consolidated OSF 26 shall list all of the information relating to Annex A, Section III, and Annex E—Appendix 1, Section II, that is currently valid for their State Party or group of States Parties. Paragraphs 5.A.(1), 5.B.(1), 5.C).(1), etc., of the OSF 26 can be left blank for information that has not been modified, and the indication, “Addition, “Change” or “Deletion”, entered for information that has been modified. The remarks section may also be used to summarize the portion of the information that has been modified.
4. If there have been changes during the year, the State Party or group of States Parties shall publish an annual consolidated OSF 26, by 31 December of that year, which lists all of the information relating to Annex A, Section III, and Annex E —Appendix 1, Section II, that is currently valid for that State Party or group of States Parties. Paragraphs 5.A.(1), 5.B.(1), 5.C).(1), etc., of the OSF 26 will be left blank. The remarks section will read: “This OSF 26 is not intended to introduce changes/additions/deletions, but is a summary of all current information.”
5. If there have been no changes to the relevant information during the year, there is no requirement to publish an annual consolidated OSF 26