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**REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS AND OTHER  
MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH  
THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS**

**Acceptance of the 2008 amendments to the IMSO Convention**

**Submitted by the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)**

**SUMMARY**

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document contains a request from the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) seeking the Council's cooperation to invite Member States to accept the 2008 amendments to the IMSO Convention
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	2
<i>High-level action:</i>	2.0.1
<i>Output:</i>	No related provisions
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 8
<i>Related documents:</i>	None

**Introduction**

1 This document is submitted to provide background information on the 2008 amendments to the IMSO Convention with a request to the Council to support IMSO's outreach efforts to Member States that are yet to accept these amendments.

**Background**

2 The Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT) was adopted on 3 September 1976 under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and entered into force on 16 July 1979.

3 The purpose of the Convention was to make provisions for the space segment necessary for improved maritime communications and, in particular, for improved safety of life at sea communications and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). This purpose was later extended through amendments to the Convention to provide the space segment for land mobile and aeronautical communications, and the name of the Organization was changed in 1994 to the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) to reflect its amended purpose.

4 At its twentieth session, the IMSO Assembly adopted amendments to the Convention, "the 2008 amendments" and decided that these amendments should be applied provisionally from 6 October 2008, pending their formal entry into force.

5 In accordance with article 18(2) of the IMSO Convention, amendments shall enter into force 120 days after the Depositary, i.e. the Secretary-General of IMO, 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.

6 At the time of adoption of the 2008 amendments by the twentieth session of the IMSO Assembly in September 2008, there were 92 Parties to the Convention. Therefore, 61 acceptances are needed for the amendments to formally enter into force. So far, only 12 of the State Parties have formally accepted the amendments.

### **Proposal**

7 IMSO urges the Council to encourage State Parties to the IMSO Convention to accept the amendments in accordance with article 18(2) of the Convention.

### **Action requested of the Council**

8 The Council is invited to consider the information provided and take action as appropriate.

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