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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 IMSO Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities
and the Amending Agreement**

Submitted by the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document contains a request from the International Mobile Satellite Organization to Council, seeking its cooperation in inviting the wider IMO Member States who are already Parties to the IMSO Convention, and/or those who would do so in the future, to accept the *Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Mobile Satellite Organization* and the Amending Agreement to the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Mobile Satellite Organization

Strategic direction: 2

High-level action: 2.0.1

Output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: None

Introduction

1 This document is submitted to summarily provide background information on the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Mobile Satellite Organization and the Amending Agreement to the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Mobile Satellite Organization with a request to the Council that it offers its support to IMSO's outreach efforts to Member States that are yet to accept these instruments; and that the Secretary-General of IMO endorses IMSO initiatives on this matter, as the Depositary of the IMSO Convention.

Background

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of IMSO

2 The Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Mobile Satellite Organization has so far been accepted by 47 Member States. The Protocol is available on the IMSO website (<http://www.imo.org>) and the list of Parties to the Protocol is set out in annex 1.

Amending Agreement to the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of IMSO

3 In this context, it may also be noted that so far, 14 Member States have become Parties to the Amending Agreement to the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of IMSO. The Amending Agreement to the Protocol is available on the IMSO website at <http://www.imo.org> and the list of Parties to the Amending Agreement to the Protocol is set out in annex 2.

4 In order for these instruments to be accepted by Member States, the Director General has been carrying out an active outreach programme, through communication and dialogue with the heads of diplomatic missions and national focal points, urging them to fulfil their obligations under Article 12 of the IMSO Convention.

Proposal

5 In the context of the functioning of IMSO, it is imperative that both the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Mobile Satellite Organization and the Amending Agreement to the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Mobile Satellite Organization are accepted by the Member States who have already become Parties to the IMSO Convention and by those who might become parties to the Convention in future.

6 IMSO is, therefore, urging the Council to invite all relevant Parties that have not yet accepted the aforementioned instruments to accept them in accordance with Article 12 of the IMSO Convention.

Action requested of the Council

7 The Council is invited to consider the IMSO request with the information provided and to decide on the proposals set out in paragraphs 5 and 6.

ANNEX 1

**LIST OF PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL
ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF
THE INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANIZATION
(Entered into force on 30 July 1983)**

Member State	Date of Signature or Deposit of Instrument by Party	Date of Entry into Force of the Protocol for Party
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA (accession)	12 October 2009	11 November 2009
ARGENTINA (accession)	7 December 1988	6 January 1989
BAHRAIN (accession to Amending Agreement)	4 October 1999	3 November 1999
BELARUS (signature)	27 May 1982	30 July 1983
BELGIUM (accession)	7 February 1992	8 March 1992
BRAZIL (ratification)	7 January 1993	6 February 1993
BULGARIA (accession)	12 October 1982	30 July 1983
CAMEROON (accession)	22 January 1992	21 February 1992
CANADA (accession)	30 June 1983	30 July 1983
CHILE (ratification)	1 February 1984	2 March 1984
CHINA, PR of (approval)	13 May 1987	12 June 1987
CUBA (accession)	19 June 1992	19 July 1992
CYPRUS (accession)	29 March 1994	28 April 1994
CZECH REPUBLIC (accession)	6 September 2012	6 October 2012
DENMARK (accession)	23 July 1986	22 August 1986
FINLAND (signature)	25 May 1982	30 July 1983
FRANCE (approval)	19 September 1985	19 October 1985
GABON (accession)	16 December 1998	15 January 1999
GERMANY, FR of (ratification)	9 November 1984	9 December 1984
GREECE (ratification)	14 October 1988	13 November 1988
ICELAND (accession)	26 October 1998	25 November 1998
INDIA (accession)	7 October 1987	6 November 1987
INDONESIA (accession)	14 November 1989	14 December 1989
IRAQ (accession)	14 August 1986	13 September 1986
ITALY (accession)	28 November 1988	28 December 1988
KUWAIT (ratification)	25 March 1986	24 April 1986
LATVIA (accession)	17 November 1997	17 December 1997
LIBERIA (accession)	25 November 1982	30 July 1983
MONGOLIA (ratification)	28 September 2011	28 October 2011
MOROCCO (accession)	12 July 1999	12 August 1999
NETHERLANDS (accession)	14 June 1983	30 July 1983
NORWAY (signature)	19 April 1982	30 July 1983
OMAN (ratification)	18 August 1986	17 September 1986
POLAND (accession)	29 January 1987	28 February 1987
PORTUGAL (ratification)	17 October 1995	16 November 1995
QATAR (accession)	14 May 1992	13 June 1992
ROMANIA (accession)	8 April 1992	8 May 1992
RUSSIAN FEDERATION (signature)	27 May 1982	30 July 1983
SAUDI ARABIA (accession)	14 March 1988	13 April 1988
SLOVAK REPUBLIC (accession)	3 December 2001	2 January 2002
SPAIN (accession)	16 January 1991	15 February 1991
SRI LANKA (signature)	27 April 1982	30 July 1983

SWEDEN (ratification)	5 December 1984	4 January 1985
SWITZERLAND (accession)	23 April 1992	23 May 1992
THAILAND	30 May 2008	30 June 2008
TUNISIA (accession to Amending Agreement)	18 October 2001	17 November 2001
UKRAINE (signature)	27 May 1982	30 July 1983

TOTAL: 47 Parties

ANNEX 2

**LIST OF PARTIES TO THE AMENDING AGREEMENT
TO THE PROTOCOL ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES
(Entered into force on 22 August 1999)**

Party	Date of Signature or Deposit of Instrument by Party	Date of Entry into Force of the Amending Agreement for Party
BAHRAIN	4 October 1999	3 November 1999
BRAZIL	18 December 1999	17 January 2000
CANADA	22 July 1999	21 August 1999
CUBA	29 November 1999	29 December 1999
CYPRUS	18 September 2002	18 October 2002
DENMARK	7 January 2000	6 February 2000
GABON	17 September 2002	17 October 2002
GERMANY	21 July 2000	20 August 2000
PORTUGAL	9 January 2002	8 February 2002
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	3 December 2001	2 January 2002
SPAIN	22 April 2010	22 May 2010
SWEDEN	24 May 2004	23 June 2004
SWITZERLAND	28 May 1999	21 August 1999
TUNISIA	18 October 2001	17 November 2001

TOTAL: 14 Parties
