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### **IMSO SIGNS LRIT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CANADA**



Ms Tracey Peverett, Senior Policy Advisor with the Canadian Coast Guard and Captain Pacha signing the LRIT Services Agreement at IMSO headquarters.

The IMSO Director General, Captain Esteban Pacha-Vicente, today signed an LRIT Services Agreement between IMSO and the Canadian Coast Guard.

A total of 23 LRIT Services Agreements have now been signed.

The LRIT Services Agreement, prescribed in the IMSO Convention, establishes the relationship between IMSO, as the LRIT Coordinator appointed

by IMO, and the LRIT Data Centre for the audit and review of each Data Centre. A Model LRIT Services Agreement was approved for this purpose by the IMSO Assembly at its Twentieth Session on Malta in 2008.

The IMSO LRIT Audit Procedures provide that the LRIT Data Centre Operator should sign an LRIT Services Agreement/Contractual Arrangements with IMSO before the Audit takes place, and settle its financial obligations with IMSO before the final audit report is submitted to the IMO Maritime Safety Committee.

Captain Pacha expressed his appreciation for the continuing commitment of Canada in the implementation of the LRIT system. The Canadian National LRIT Data Centre was one of the six prototype Data Centres which were integrated into the LRIT system in 2008 – together with Bahamas, Brazil, Republic of Korea, Marshall Islands, and the United States

Canada is also expected to be one of the first LRIT Data Centres to be audited by IMSO later in 2009.

In addition, an increasing number of new LRIT Data Centres have also been integrated by IMSO into the LRIT production environment – these today total thirty LRIT Data Centres:

Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Cayman Islands (UK), Chile, China, Croatia, European Union, Faroe Islands (Denmark), India, Indonesia, Isle of Man (UK), Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Liberia, Myanmar, Panama, Russian Federation, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Turkey, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

A further eight Centres are in the process of testing, and are expected to be integrated shortly:

This will bring the total number of LRIT Data Centres integrated by the end of 2009 to 44 overall. These Centres integrate more than 80 percent of the world's registered merchant fleet.