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OUTCOME OF TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE IMSO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Twenty-Sixth Session of the IMSO Advisory Committee met in London from 17 to 19 March 2010, under the chairmanship of Captain David Bruce of the Marshall Islands.

The Meeting was attended by representatives of the following IMSO Member States: Argentina, Bahamas, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Ghana, Greece, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Liberia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States. In addition the following IMSO Member States were represented as Observers: Brazil, Czech Republic, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, Vanuatu and Venezuela.

Observers from the International Maritime Organization, the European Commission, CIRM and Inmarsat also attended the Session.

The Committee noted activities and progress in relation to various routine issues.

In particular the Committee agreed, and recommended adoption by the Assembly:

- Revised Arrangements for the Development, Endorsement and Apportionment of IMSO's budget
- IMSO Business Plan 2011/12, (including a revised formula for calculating the fee for the audit and review of LRIT Data Centres)

The Committee has now substantially completed the mandate given to it by the Twentieth Session of the IMSO Assembly. The Committee will hold a short further session, the Twenty-Seventh Session, on the morning of 11 May 2010, the main purpose of which will be to note the 2009 audited financial statements.

The Committee will then report to the Twenty-First Session of the IMSO Assembly, to be held in London from 12 to 16 July 2010. At that Session, the Assembly will approve the composition and programme of work of the Advisory Committee for the following two years up to the next regular session of the Assembly in 2012.

The Twenty-Eighth Session of the Committee will be held, at the invitation of the Party of Argentina, in Buenos Aires, from 4 to 6 October 2010.