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IMSO SIGNS LRIT SERVICES AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH BRAZIL, THE UNITED STATES AND UKRAINE

The IMSO Director General, Captain Esteban Pacha-Vicente, today signed LRIT Services Agreements between IMSO and the National LRIT Data Centres of Brazil and Ukraine, as well as contractual arrangements between IMSO and the United States relating to its national LRIT Data Centre and the interim international LRIT Data Exchange.

A total of 42 LRIT Services Agreements/Contracts 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.

IMSO is reporting to the Eighty-Seventh Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) on the annual audits so far carried out in relation to Bahamas, Brazil, Canada and the Marshall Islands. IMSO is in the process of carrying further audits of LRIT Data Centres, as well as the interim International LRIT Data Exchange, on a phased basis in line with their integration dates/start of operations.