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IMSO SIGNS LRIT SERVICES AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL LRIT DATA CENTRES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU, THE UNION OF MYANMAR AND UKRAINE



IMSO Director General Capt. Esteban Pacha (centre) with Ambassador of Vanuatu, H.E. Mr Roy Mickey Joy (left) and Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to IMO, Mr Laurent Parenté (right)

The IMSO Director General, Captain Esteban Pacha-Vicente, today signed an LRIT Services Agreement between IMSO and Collecte Localisation Satellites (CLS), on behalf of the National LRIT Data Centre of the **Republic of Vanuatu** which has delegated authority to CLS.

The signature of the Agreement was witnessed by His Excellency Mr Roy Mickey Joy, Ambassador of the Republic of Vanuatu to the European Union, the Kingdom of Belgium, the United Kingdom and France, as well as by Mr Laurent Parenté, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Vanuatu to the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The Director General also signed the LRIT Services Agreement with Mr Tracy Nichols, Director of Fulcrum Maritime Systems Limited, as operator of the National LRIT Data Centre of the **Union of Myanmar**, and with the State Enterprise of Maritime Telecommunication of Ukraine (MORCOM), appointed by the Administration of **Ukraine** to operate the National LRIT Data Centre on behalf of that Administration.

A total of 45 LRIT Services Agreements and contracts have been signed with LRIT Data Centres and the interim International LRIT Data Exchange (IDE). Further LRIT Services Agreements are in an advanced stage of negotiation, and are expected to be signed ahead of the scheduled audits.

53 LRIT Data Centres have now been integrated into the LRIT system and a further six centres are in the process of testing and integration, bringing the total to 59 overall, providing services to 98 SOLAS Contracting Governments and dependant territories, covering more than 94% of the world SOLAS fleet.

IMSO's reports on the completed annual audits of the National LRIT Data Centres of the Bahamas, Brazil, Canada and the Marshall Islands National LRIT Data Centres have been submitted to the IMO Maritime Safety Committee which is meeting at this time; A further 20 Data Centres and the IDE are in the various stages of their annual audit.