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### **SIGNATURE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN IMSO AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

The IMSO Director General, Captain Esteban Pacha-Vicente, announces that a Memorandum of Understanding between IMSO and the European Commission was signed in London on 12 July 2010, following its approval by the IMSO Assembly, which is meeting this week.

This Memorandum of Understanding reflects the growing cooperation between both organisations involved in enhancing maritime safety in particular through the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and the Long Range Identification and Tracking of vessels (LRIT). The Memorandum foresees exchange of information of mutual interest and invitations to relevant meetings organised by each organisation.

Captain Pacha-Vicente said "I am delighted that the IMSO Assembly of Parties, meeting today, has unanimously approved the MoU. This is a culmination of continuing cooperation between the two organizations, and will enable the Commission to participate as observer at meetings of the IMSO Assembly of Parties and Advisory Committee".



Captain Pacha-Vicente (right) and Mr Fotis Karamitsos, Director Maritime Transport Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission (left)