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DIRECTORATE MATTERS

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IMSO DIRECTOR

<i>Executive Summary:</i>	this document provides information on the Activities of the IMSO Director since the last regular session of the Assembly
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	to note the information provided
<i>Related documents:</i>	Assembly/20/10.2; Assembly/20/12; Assembly/20/INF/6

1 REGULAR REPORTS TO PARTIES

1.1 One of the tasks to be performed by the Director, under item (iii) of the current functions of the Director is to “*Report at least every six months to Parties and the Assembly on all activities of the Secretariat, ...*”

1.2 As part of the revisions to the Functions proposed by the Advisory Committee, item (iii) has been amended as follows: “*Report on a regular basis to Parties and the Assembly on all activities of the Directorate ...*”

1.3 The last formal regular report to all Parties was issued in early 2006. Since that time, reports have been sent to Parties on a regular basis, in the form of Press Releases and Notes Verbales to all IMSO Member States (as listed in ASSEMBLY/20/INF/6). In addition to the comprehensive set of documentation provided to each regular session of the Assembly and of the Advisory Committee, more detailed information on the activities, including travel, undertaken and meetings attended by the Director have been reported to each Session of the Advisory Committee. These are

summarized in document ASSEMBLY/20/8.1. All correspondence, press releases and documentation are sent to IMSO Member States via email.

1.4 With the development of the IMSO website, which was launched in February 2008, all Parties also have immediate access to such information. In order to avoid overloading Parties with a repetition of information, the Director suggests that the regular report to Parties is no longer necessary.

1.5 Taking into account the availability of information via electronic means, the Director also invites IMSO Member States to review the list of addresses in their countries to which this is sent. The cost of mailing to such a large number of addresses is becoming prohibitive and is perhaps no longer necessary. The Director suggests that documents etc. are mailed to a maximum of two addresses within each Member State.

2 PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Director and Deputy Director participate in meetings of other international organizations. Details of this participation are reported in document ASSEMBLY/20/12.

3 OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Director has attended the following meetings and events:

- (a) 2008 Mobile Satellite Forum at which the Chief Executive Officers of Inmarsat, Orbcomm and Iridium presented information on the activities of their respective companies. The opportunity was taken to discuss issues of common interest;
- (b) First Conference on Mediterranean Electronic Maritime Highways in Valencia (Spain) in March 2008 - at no cost to IMSO - at which a presentation on electronic tracking of ships was delivered;
- (c) World Maritime University, as Governor;

- (d) Annual General Meeting of the Nautical Institute, where was presented with the certificate of Fellow Member of the Nautical Institute (FNI). The Director was also appointed Fellow Member of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (FIMarEST).

4 **ACTION REQUIRED**

The Assembly notes the information provided in this document.
