



**REVISED FUNCTIONS FOR THE NEW IMSO DIRECTOR GENERAL
(As approved by the Twenty-Third Session of the IMSO Assembly)**

In accordance with Article 12 of the Convention, the Director General shall act as legal representative of the Organization and Chief Executive Officer of the Directorate, with responsibility to and under the direction of the Assembly, to service the activities of the Assembly in the performance of its functions as set forth in Article 11 of the Convention.

1 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

- (i) Be responsible for all technical and operational work of the Organization, manage the Directorate and supervise the work of the technical, operational and other staff.
- (ii) Report on a regular basis to Parties and the Assembly on all activities of the Directorate.
- (iii) Represent the Organization at and participate in relevant meetings of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) dealing with the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), including GMDSS, LRIT and other maritime safety and security matters as relevant to the Organization's purposes, ensuring regular consultation and cooperation with IMO.
- (iv) Represent the Organization at and participate in the work and activities of relevant bodies of international, inter-governmental and/or non-governmental organizations, in particular those with which the Organization has signed Memoranda of Understanding, on matters dealing with the provision of mobile satellite communications, GMDSS and LRIT.
- (v) Convene, organize and prepare reports of Assembly sessions, in accordance with Article 9(2) of the Convention, as well as meetings of subsidiary bodies.
- (vi) Keep separate accounting for costs associated to the oversight of GMDSS providers and the performance of the LRIT Coordinator functions.
- (vii) Prepare the biennial budgets of the Organization for agreement by the Advisory Committee and endorsement by the Assembly, including GMDSS and LRIT fees and apportionment between GMDSS and LRIT, and implement and operate agreed accounting and auditing procedures.
- (viii) Prepare the annual financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

- (ix) Determine the staffing structure of the Directorate, and engage professional and general service posts in the Directorate for the purpose of carrying out the functions described herein.
- (x) Ensure compliance with staff rules, salary scales within the UN Common System of Salaries, Benefits and Allowances as approved by the International Civil Service Commission, and other standard terms of employment, as appropriate for the Directorate.

2 GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS)

Perform or oversee the following tasks subject to Section 4 below:

- (i) Negotiate and execute on behalf of the Organization Public Services Agreements with GMDSS Providers recognized by IMO.
- (ii) Review on a regular basis the relevant activities of GMDSS Providers to ensure that their obligations under their Public Services Agreements are being observed.
- (iii) Prepare reports of the Organization to IMO as envisaged in Clause 5.2 of the Public Services Agreements between the Organization and GMDSS Providers, in accordance with IMO Resolution A.1001(25), as may be amended, and circulate such reports to IMSO Parties and observers.
- (iv) Participate in the Public Services Committees, established pursuant to Clause 6.1 of the Public Services Agreements.
- (v) Implement enforcement procedures under the Public Services Agreements on the Organization's behalf in the event of any breach of the obligations of Providers thereunder, including any non-compliance, arbitration or other enforcement action.
- (vi) Be responsible for the technical and operational aspects and ensuring the continuity of the provision of mobile satellite services for the GMDSS, including:
 - .1 establishment and maintenance of a robust oversight regime for mobile satellite service providers approved by IMO;
 - .2 development of policies and practices for the ongoing provision and improvement of GMDSS services; and
 - .3 collection and analysis of data and preparation of reports relating to GMDSS services to meet the requirements of the Assembly and IMO.
- (vii) Be available for consultation by GMDSS Providers in the event of a prime satellite failure or other urgent problem with networks, and arrange for an appropriately qualified member of staff to deputise during periods of absence or unavailability.

3 LONG RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING OF SHIPS (LRIT)

Perform or oversee the following tasks subject to Section 4 below:

- (i) Be responsible for the development of policies and operational practices for the implementation of a robust mechanism for the performance review and audit of certain aspects of the international LRIT system, to meet the requirements of IMO in performance of the duties and responsibilities of the LRIT Coordinator.
- (ii) Negotiate and execute LRIT Services Agreements and/or contracts with the different components of the LRIT system subject to the LRIT Coordinator audit and review.
- (iii) Authorize the integration of the LRIT Data Centres which have undergone and satisfactorily completed developmental testing into the production LRIT system.
- (iv) Undertake the review of the performance of the LRIT system, and in particular, audit the performance of the different components of the LRIT system subject to LRIT Coordinator audit and review, and submit annual audit reports to the IMO Maritime Safety Committee, through the IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR).
- (v) Determine the charges which the Organization will levy in order to recover the expenditure it incurs for providing LRIT services, and communicate them to the IMO Maritime Safety Committee.

4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Consult with, and obtain the guidance and advice of the Advisory Committee, on the following matters:

- (i) The negotiation and execution of Public Service Agreements with GMDSS Providers recognized by IMO.
- (ii) The negotiation and execution of LRIT Service Agreements and/or contracts with the different components of the LRIT system.
- (iii) The apportionment of the biennial budget between GMDSS/Legacy services and LRIT Coordinator services.
- (iv) The annual charges to be levied for providing LRIT Coordinator services.
- (v) Preparation of the biennial budget of the Organization and accounting and auditing procedures, including the engagement of external accounting services for the purpose of supervision of accounting functions and preparation of annual accounts, and on any revision to the budget for the second year and related GMDSS/LRIT fees.
- (vi) The audited financial statements of the Organization.
- (vii) Determination of the staffing structure of the Directorate, standard terms of employment of Directorate staff, and the Staff Rules.

- (viii) Any proposed action by the Director General to initiate arbitration or judicial proceedings in the event of any alleged breach by GMDSS Providers of their obligations under the Public Services Agreements, provided that, if the Committee so requests, or the Director General so decides, the Director General shall convene an extraordinary session of the Assembly to authorize appropriate enforcement action.
 - (ix) Preparation of a regular report of the Organization to IMO envisaged in Article 5.2 of the Public Services Agreements between the Organization and GMDSS Providers.
 - (x) Preparation of annual LRIT Audit Reports to IMO.
 - (xi) Requests for admission of new observers to the Assembly.
 - (xii) Any other matters delegated by the Assembly.
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