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To: All SOLAS Contracting Governments
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From: IMSO Director General 

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The ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic has posed unprecedented challenges for organizations worldwide, including the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO). In response to the current situation, the IMSO Directorate has been following the advice from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UK Government and is working from home making the best use of telecommunication facilities, in order to ensure that the works of the Organization is carried out in best possible manner.

The Directorate staff members remain contactable via their e-mail addresses or telephone numbers that can be found on the IMSO website link <https://imso.org/imso-directorate-team> for any support that might be needed regarding IMSO matters.

As a part of the Organization's commitment towards safety, security and protection of the marine environment, the Directorate has been functioning effectively, ensuring the resilience of public safety satellite communication services for distress, safety and tracking of ships that the maritime community and seafarers rely on, worldwide.

Despite the situation of lockdown, the Directorate has been conducting its GMDSS oversight function such as: Contingency Exercises, Public Services Committee (PSC) meetings and regular monitoring through video conference solution, maintaining close collaboration with its partners including recognised mobile satellite service providers, rescue coordination centres (RCC) and maritime safety information (MSI) providers.

With a view to fulfilling the expectations of the SOLAS Contracting Governments and the maritime community at large, IMSO Directorate would welcome any communication and is looking forward to all possible collaboration and cooperation.

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