To: Contracting Parties to the International Agreement on the use of INMARSAT Ship Earth Stations within the Territorial Sea and Ports ("SES Agreement")
IMSO Member States that are not Contracting Parties to the SES Agreement
Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 that are neither Contracting Parties to the SES Agreement, nor IMSO Member States
Recognized Mobile Satellite Service Providers
IMO and IMSO Observers

From: IMSO Director General

Subject: Outcome of the questionnaire and rearrangement of the International Conference of Contracting Parties to the International Agreement on the use of INMARSAT Ship Earth Stations within the Territorial Sea and Ports ("SES Conference")

Reference: IMSO/CL/011 Date: 7 June 2021

OUTCOME OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND REARRANGEMENT OF THE SES CONFERENCE

1 The Director General refers to Circular Letter – IMSO/CL/008 dated 16 February 2021 on the new date of the SES Conference, and IMSO/CL/010, dated 12 April 2021, which provides background information and the questionnaire related to the SES Agreement.

2 In response to the questionnaire in IMSO/CL/010, the IMSO Directorate has received responses from 6 States, among the 49 Parties, before 31 May 2021.

3 Having reviewed such responses to the questionnaire, noting their direction and that 43 States among 49 Parities have still not yet decided their positions on the SES Agreement, the Director-General concludes that there is no urgent need to convene the SES Conference in July 2021 to update the SES Agreement.

4 Bearing in mind that any changes to SES Agreement needs the feedback from the parties to the Agreement and noting that information from the majority of the Parties is not yet available, the Director General wishes to postpone the Conference to 2022, in order to allow more time to provide feedback by the Parties to the Agreement and the SOLAS Contracting Governments.

5 Unless opinions contrary to the position in paragraph 4 are received by Monday, 21 June 2021, from the majority of the Parties to the Agreement or
SOLAS Contracting Governments, the Director-General will postpone all the present arrangements for the SES Conference, which is planned to be convened from 19 to 21 July.

6 The Director General avails himself of this opportunity to convey the assurance of his highest consideration.