

**LIST OF PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON  
THE INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (MEMBER STATES) AND  
STATUS OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2008 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION**

<b>Member State</b>	<b>Date of Signature or deposit of instrument</b>	<b>Date of entry into force</b>	<b>Date of Acceptance of 2008 amendments*</b>
Algeria (signature)	15 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Angola (accession)	7 February 2022	7 February 2022	
Antigua and Barbuda (accession)	12 October 2009	12 October 2009	
Argentina (accession) *	2 October 1979	2 October 1979	4 May 2017
Australia (ratification) *	16 March 1979	16 July 1979	6 October 2011
Bahamas (accession)	12 May 1994	12 May 1994	
Bahrain (accession)	8 January 1986 3/	8 January 1986	
Bangladesh (accession)	17 September 1993	17 September 1993	
Belarus, Republic of (acceptance)	29 March 1979	16 July 1979	
Belgium (ratification)	14 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Bolivia, Plurinational State of (ratification)	9 March 2018	9 March 2018	9 March 2018
Bosnia and Herzegovina (accession)	17 April 1998	17 April 1998	
Brazil (ratification)	10 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Brunei Darussalam (accession)	4 October 1993	4 October 1993	
Bulgaria (approval)	15 June 1979	16 July 1979	
Cameroon (ratification)	23 October 1990	23 October 1990	
Canada (signature) *	17 May 1979 3/	16 July 1979	1 June 2010
Chile (ratification)	26 February 1981	26 February 1981	
China (signature) 8/	13 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Colombia (accession)	28 October 1987	28 October 1987	
Comoros (accession)	22 November 2000	22 November 2000	
Cook Islands (accession)	31 October 2007	31 October 2007	
Costa Rica (accession)	5 June 1995	5 June 1995	
Croatia (accession)	24 November 1992	24 November 1992	
Cuba (accession) 11/	25 July 1989	25 July 1989	
Cyprus (accession)	8 June 1992	8 June 1992	
Czechia (accession) 7/*	7 December 1988	7 December 1988	29 August 2012
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (accession)	15 October 2013	15 October 2013	15 October 2013
Denmark (signature) *	10 May 1979	16 July 1979	14 October 2011
Ecuador (accession)	11 November 2015	11 November 2015	11 November 2015
Egypt (accession) 1/	29 November 1977	16 July 1979	
Fiji (accession)	8 March 2016	8 March 2016	8 March 2016
Finland (ratification) *	12 July 1979	16 July 1979	20 July 2016

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France (ratification)	18 October 1979	18 October 1979	
Gabon (accession)	28 December 1984	28 December 1984	
Georgia (accession)	12 January 2015	12 January 2015	12 January 2015
Germany 5/*	23 October 1979	23 October 1979	3 March 2011
Ghana (accession)	11 July 1995	11 July 1995	
Greece (ratification)	13 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Honduras (accession)	16 November 2016	16 November 2016	16 November 2016
Hungary (accession) *	24 July 1997	24 July 1997	11 November 2019
Iceland (accession)	26 March 1991	26 March 1991	
India (ratification)	6 June 1978	16 July 1979	
Indonesia (accession) 1/	9 October 1986 3/	9 October 1986	
Iran, Islamic Republic of (accession)	12 October 1984 3/	12 October 1984	
Iraq (ratification)	21 July 1980 3/	21 July 1980	
Israel (accession)	13 October 1987	13 October 1987	
Italy (ratification) 1/	10 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Japan (acceptance)	25 November 1977	16 July 1979	
Jordan (accession)	18 November 2014	18 November 2014	
Kenya (accession)	21 July 1998	21 July 1998	
Kuwait (ratification) 1/	25 February 1977	16 July 1979	
Latvia (accession) *	22 March 1995	22 March 1995	17 April 2013
Lebanon (accession)	29 December 1994	29 December 1994	
Liberia (ratification)	14 November 1980 3/	14 November 1980	
Libya (accession)	29 January 1999	29 January 1999	
Malaysia (accession)	12 June 1986	12 June 1986	
Malta (accession)	11 January 1991	11 January 1991	
Marshall Islands (accession)	12 May 1997	12 May 1997	
Mauritius (accession)	7 December 1992	7 December 1992	
Mexico (accession)	10 January 1994	10 January 1994	
Monaco (accession)	1 October 1990	1 October 1990	
Mongolia (accession)	28 September 2011	28 September 2011	
Montenegro (succession) 9/10*	6 June 2006	6 June 2006	19 July 2010
Morocco (accession)	21 June 1999	21 June 1999	
Mozambique (accession)	18 April 1990	18 April 1990	
Netherlands (approval) 4/ *	15 June 1979	16 July 1979	12 February 2013
New Zealand (signature)	17 August 1977	16 July 1979	
Nigeria (accession)	23 February 1988	23 February 1988	
Norway (ratification)	10 October 1978	16 July 1979	
Oman (accession)	30 December 1980	30 December 1980	
Pakistan (accession)	6 February 1985 3/	6 February 1985	
Palau (accession)	29 September 2011	29 September 2011	29 September 2011
Panama (accession)	26 October 1987	26 October 1987	
Peru (accession)	30 October 1987	30 October 1987	
Philippines (accession)	30 March 1981	30 March 1981	

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Poland (ratification)	3 July 1979	16 July 1979	
Portugal (signature) *	13 July 1979	16 July 1979	8 March 2019
Qatar (accession)	12 March 1987	28 September 1987	
Republic of Korea (accession)	16 September 1985 3/	16 September 1985	
Romania (accession)	27 September 1990	27 September 1990	
Russian Federation 6/	13 March 1979	16 July 1979	
Saudi Arabia (accession)	5 October 1983 3/	5 October 1983	
Senegal (accession)	16 June 1994	16 June 1994	
Serbia 10/ (accession) *	27 September 1990	27 September 1990	19 December 2011
Singapore (signature)	29 June 1979	16 July 1979	
Slovakia (accession) *	20 July 1993	20 July 1993	2 August 2010
Solomon Islands (accession)	20 November 2020	20 November 2020	20 November 2020
South Africa (accession)	3 March 1994	3 March 1994	
Spain (ratification) *	5 September 1978	16 July 1979	5 May 2010
Sri Lanka (accession)	15 December 1981 3/	15 December 1981	
Sweden (signature) *	19 June 1979	16 July 1979	30 September 2010
Switzerland (accession)	17 May 1989	17 May 1989	
Thailand (accession)	14 December 1994	14 December 1994	
Tonga (accession)	18 September 2003	18 September 2003	
Tunisia (accession)	9 May 1983	9 May 1983	
Türkiye (ratification)	16 November 1989	16 November 1989	
Ukraine (acceptance)	29 March 1979	16 July 1979	
United Arab Emirates (accession) 1/	13 January 1983	13 January 1983	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (ratification) 2/	30 April 1979	16 July 1979	
United Republic of Tanzania (accession)	21 December 1998	21 December 1998	
United States of America (signature)	15 February 1979	16 July 1979	
Uruguay (accession)	16 September 2022	16 September 2022	16 September 2022
Vanuatu (accession)	20 August 2008	20 August 2008	
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of (accession)	27 April 2005	27 April 2005	
Viet Nam (accession)	15 April 1998	15 April 1998	
Yemen (accession)	24 January 2011	24 January 2011	24 January 2011

## **TOTAL: 107 Parties**

### **Notes:**

Amendments to the IMSO Convention were adopted by the IMSO Assembly in September 2008. In accordance with Article 18 of the IMSO Convention, acceptance to the amendments is affected by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Depository of the Convention, the Secretary-General of the

International Maritime Organization (IMO). The amendments shall enter into force one hundred and twenty (120) days after the Depositary has received notices of acceptance from two-thirds of those States which, at the time of their adoption by the IMSO Assembly, were Parties to the IMSO Convention. The amendments shall enter into force 120 days after the Secretary-General of IMO, as Depositary, has received notices of acceptance from two thirds of those States which, at the time of adoption by the IMSO Assembly, were Parties to the Convention. The number of Parties to the Convention at the time of adoption of the amendments was 92 and therefore, the number of acceptances necessary for entry into force is 61.

\* At present the Depositary has received notices of acceptance from 20 Member States which, at the time of adoption by the IMSO Assembly, were Parties to the Convention.

- 1/ With a declaration/statement.
  - 2/ The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland declared that the Convention shall apply to the Registers of British Ships registered in ports of register in the United Kingdom and, inter alia, in Bermuda.
  - 3/ Date of signature of the Operating Agreement.
  - 4/ Approval of the Convention and acceptance of the amendments by the Netherlands was declared to also apply to the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Saint Eustatius and Saba) Aruba, Curaçao and Saint Maarten
  - 5/ The Convention entered into force for the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) on 23 October 1979 and for the German Democratic Republic (GDR) on 24 September 1986. On 3 October 1990, the GDR acceded to the FRG to form one sovereign State which remains the Party to the Convention under the designation "Germany".
  - 6/ Formerly USSR
  - 7/ Formerly Czechoslovakia
  - 8/ By a note dated 17 June 1997, the Government of the People's Republic of China stated that, with effect from 1 July 1997, the Inmarsat Convention shall apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
  - 9/ The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia became a Party to the Inmarsat Convention on 27 September 1990.  
  
By an Instrument of Succession dated 19 February 2002, in conformity with international law and practice, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as a successor State to the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, considers itself bound, as of April 27, 1992, i.e. the date on which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia became an independent State, by the multilateral international treaties to which the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was a Party on that date, including reservations and declarations to their provisions made earlier by the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. This instrument of succession applies to the Convention on the International Mobile Satellite Organization (formerly called the Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT)), as amended. By Diplomatic Note dated 5 February 2003, IMSO was informed that the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed on 4 February 2003 to Serbia and Montenegro.
  - 10/ Following the dissolution of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all Treaty actions undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to Republic of Serbia. Montenegro has informed that it wished to succeed to this treaty with effect from the same date, i.e. 3 June 2006.
  - 11/ "disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation and application of this international legal instrument must be settled through diplomatic negotiations. Cuba does not accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice and thus, does not recognize its decisions, nor the arbitration envisaged in the Annex concerning settlement of disputes".
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