

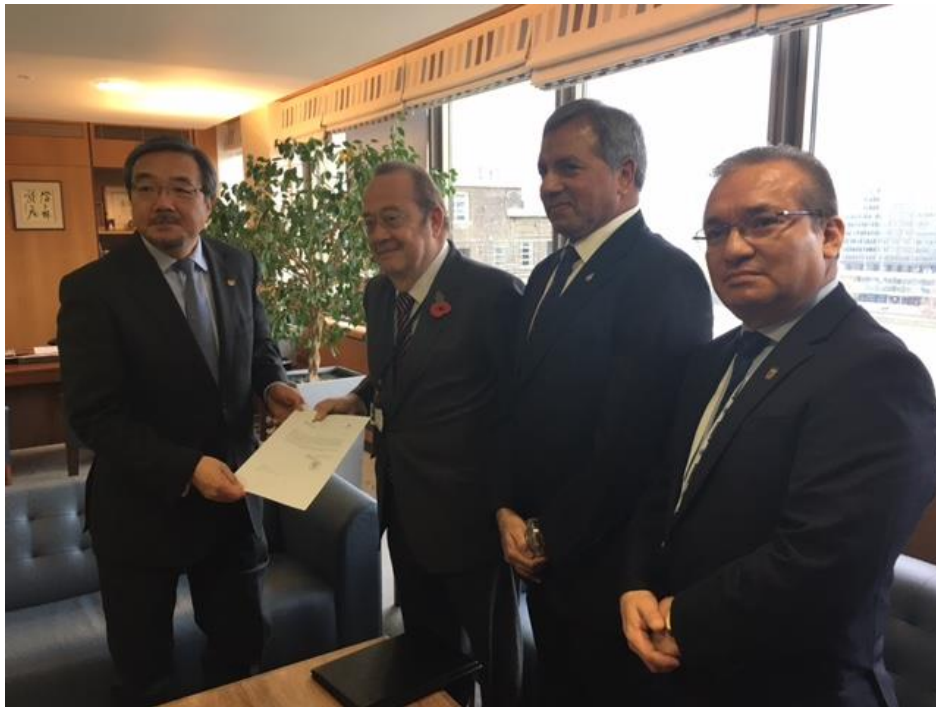


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**IMSO's membership reaches 101 Member States
with the accession of Ecuador to the IMSO Convention**



From left to right: Mr Koji Sekimizu, IMO Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Carlos Abad Ortiz, Ambassador of Ecuador to the United Kingdom, Captain Moin Ahmed, IMSO Director General, Captain José Díaz Acosta, Alternate Permanent Representative of Ecuador to IMO on the occasion of the deposit by Ecuador of the Instrument of Accession to the IMSO Convention at IMO Headquarters on 11 November

The IMSO Director General, Captain Moin Ahmed, announced that Ecuador has acceded to the IMSO Convention today, 11 November 2015, bringing the total membership to 101 Member States. The Instrument of Accession was today presented to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Mr Koji Sekimizu, as Depositary of the IMSO Convention, by His Excellency Mr Carlos Abad Ortiz, Ambassador of Ecuador to the United Kingdom.

Mr Sekimizu congratulated IMSO on reaching this important milestone, reiterating the important work of IMSO in the field of safety of navigation through efficient maritime communications.

Captain Ahmed formally welcomed Ecuador to the membership of IMSO, expressing his satisfaction for the increased interest of non-member States, which are considering or in the process of joining IMSO, in the activities of the Organization. He stressed on the importance of IMSO Convention, which ensures fair and equitable internationally accepted regulations for the satellite communication system, is at the forefront of maritime safety.

Captain Ahmed continues to promote the values of IMSO and to encourage both Member and non-member States to be actively involved in the activities of the Organization.
