

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION ON THE
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE ORGANIZATION
(INMARSAT)



PREAMBLE

At the end of the Preamble, the following new paragraph is added:

Affirming that a maritime satellite system shall also be open for aeronautical communications for the benefit of aircraft of all nations,

ARTICLE 1 Definitions

In Article 1, the following new paragraph (h) is added:

(h) "Aircraft" means any machine that can derive support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air other than the reactions of the air against the earth's surface.

ARTICLE 3 Purpose

Article 3, paragraphs (1) and (2) are replaced by the following text:

(1) The purpose of the Organization is to make provision for the space segment necessary for improving maritime communications and, as practicable, aeronautical communications, thereby assisting in improving communications for distress and safety of life, communications for air traffic services, the efficiency and management of ships and aircraft, maritime and aeronautical public correspondence services and radiodetermination capabilities.

(2) The Organization shall seek to serve all areas where there is need for maritime and aeronautical communications.