

*Prosecutor.* Luis Moreno-Ocampo (Argentina) was elected the first prosecutor of the Court on 21 April 2003.

*Headquarters:* Maanweg 174, 2516 AB The Hague, Netherlands.  
*Website:* <http://www.icc-cpi.int>  
*President:* Philippe Kirsch (Canada).

### Further Reading

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## International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)

Created in 1995, International IDEA is an intergovernmental organization that promotes sustainable democracy worldwide. Global in membership and independent of specific national interests, IDEA works with both new and long-established democracies. IDEA brings together those who analyse and monitor trends in democracy and those who engage in political reform. Its partners include international, regional and national bodies devoted to democratic principles.

*Aims and Activities.* IDEA aims to: assist countries in developing and strengthening democratic institutions; offer researchers, policymakers, activists and professionals a forum to discuss democratic principles; blend research and field experience, and develop practical tools to improve democratic processes; promote transparency, accountability and efficiency in managing elections; help local citizens evaluate, monitor and promote democracy. The principal areas of activity include: democracy building and conflict management; electoral processes; political parties, including political equality and participation.

*Membership.* The International IDEA had 24 full member states and one observer state in Feb. 2007.

*Organization.* IDEA has regional offices in Armenia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Indonesia, Mexico, Peru and South Africa. In 2005 there were 51 international employees.

*Headquarters:* Strömsborg, 103 34 Stockholm, Sweden.  
*Website:* <http://www.idea.int>  
*Secretary-General:* Vidar Helgesen (Norway).

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## International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)

Founded in 1979 as the International Maritime Satellite Organization (Inmarsat) to establish a satellite system to improve maritime communications for distress and safety and commercial applications. Its competence was subsequently expanded to include aeronautical and land mobile communications. Privatization, which was completed in April 1999, transferred the business to a newly created company and the Organization remains as a regulator to ensure that the company fulfils its public services obligations. The company has taken the Inmarsat name and the Organization uses the acronym IMSO. In Feb. 2007 the Organization had 87 member parties.

*Organization.* The Assembly of all Parties to the Convention meets every two years.

*Headquarters:* 99 City Road, London EC1Y 1AX, UK.  
*IMSO Website:* <http://www.imso.org>  
*Inmarsat Website:* <http://www.inmarsat.com>  
*Director of the Secretariat, IMSO:* Esteban Pachá Vicente (Spain).  
*Chief Executive, Inmarsat Ltd:* Andrew Sukawaty (USA).

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## International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Founded in 1894 by French educator Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the International Olympic Committee is an international non-governmental, non-profit organization whose members act as the IOC's representatives in their respective countries, not as delegates of their countries within the IOC. The Committee's main responsibility is to supervise the organization of the summer and winter Olympic Games. It owns all rights to the Olympic symbols, flag, motto, anthem and Olympic Games.

*Aims.* 'To contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport, practised without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic Spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.'

*Finances.* The IOC receives no public funding. Its only source of funding is from private sectors, with the substantial part of these revenues coming from television broadcasters and sponsors.

*Address:* Château de Vidy, Case Postale 356, CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland.  
*Website:* <http://www.olympic.org>  
*President:* Jacques Rogge (Belgium).

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## International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Established in Brussels in 1951 to help solve European population and refugee problems through migration, and to stimulate the creation of new economic opportunities in countries lacking certain manpower. IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society.

*Members (120 as of Dec. 2006).* Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Congo (Republic of), Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, South Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey,