

# **Steven Lett**

**United States**



**Candidate for**  
**Director**  
**International Mobile Satellite**  
**Organization (IMSO)**

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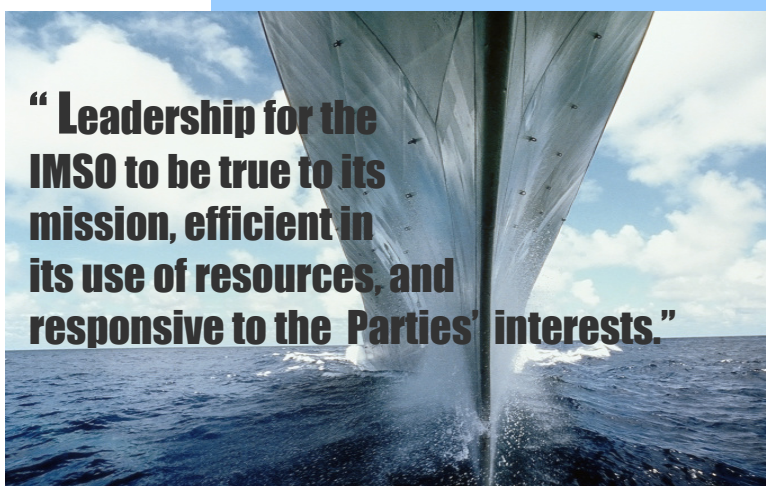
# The Candidate

**The International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) has a proud tradition starting from its early days of being the operator of the original global maritime satellite system, to its vital role today to ensure the observance by Inmarsat plc of key principles and public service obligations.**

**I have been fortunate to have been deeply involved in the organization's activities for many years, including nearly a decade as a formal Party representative.**

**Throughout my association with the IMSO I have endeavored to be open-minded, fair, and trustworthy. Working with my counterparts from the other IMSO Parties, I have sought to establish policies that will help to promote the availability of advanced communications worldwide, particularly including capabilities for distress and safety communications at sea.**

**With my nomination to be the director of the IMSO, I am eager for the opportunity to continue my efforts to see that the IMSO remains true to its mission, efficient in its use of resources, and responsive to the Parties' interests. If I am chosen by the Parties, I will faithfully lead the organization in fulfillment of these objectives.**



**“Leadership for the IMSO to be true to its mission, efficient in its use of resources, and responsive to the Parties' interests.”**



# The Vision

**Nothing is more precious than human life.  
And the most central function of the IMSO  
is to foster the means to protect human life.**



**This vital mission must be carried out in a fashion that ensures effectiveness and that maximizes the beneficial use of limited resources.**

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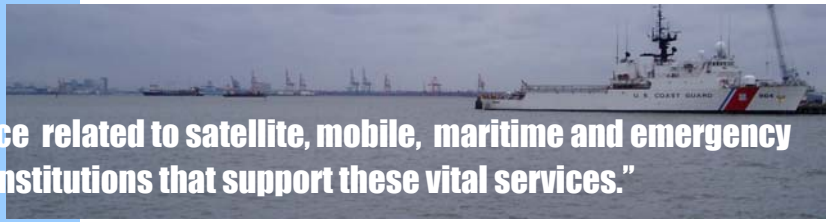
- **To these ends, I will faithfully adhere to the will of the IMSO Parties and the mission that they entrust to the IMSO.**
- **I will strengthen the relationships with the International Maritime Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, and the International Civil Aviation Organization.**
- **I will establish close working partnerships with telecommunications service providers to exhibit to them the advantages of their participation in maritime distress, safety and security communications.**
- **I will demonstrate to the Parties and commercial service providers alike that the efficient use of their resources will be protected. I will do this through enhanced transparency of process and full accountability.**
- **I will ask the Assembly to strengthen the role of the IMSO Advisory Committee in terms of its policy guidance between Assembly meetings, and its oversight of budget and finances.**

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# The Experience

**“Two and a half decades of public service related to satellite, mobile, maritime and emergency communications, and the international institutions that support these vital services.”**



**U.S. Department of State - Deputy United States Coordinator – International Communications and Information Policy**

- **Representative to IMSO** for nearly a decade. An integral participant in the restructuring of the intergovernmental Inmarsat and the re-chartering of the IMSO; well familiar with the legal and policy underpinnings of the organization. U.S. participant in the IMSO Advisory Committee. A constant supporter of the IMSO charter and mission, and the effective and efficient operation of the organization.



- **Representative to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO)** for more than a decade and a half. A deeply involved contributor to the restructuring of the intergovernmental INTELSAT, including the creation of New Skies Satellites, NV, of the Netherlands, the creation of the privatized Intelsat, and the re-chartering of the ITSO. The twice-elected chairman of the ITSO Advisory Committee, the 20-nation body that provides guidance to the director general between meetings of the ITSO Assembly.
- **Participant in the International Maritime Organization's Maritime Safety Committee**, and in its Sub-committee on Radiocommunications, and Search and Rescue. Supported rapid introduction of new satellite service providers in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System. Helped to develop improved architectures for maritime security.

**U.S. Federal Communications Commission - Senior Policy Analyst and Electronics Engineer**

- **Headed delegations** that cooperatively resolved international technical compatibility issues to prevent interference among satellites of different operators.
- **Senior participant in World Radio Conferences**, including creation and implementation of procedures for management of the geostationary satellite orbit. Chaired international committees of the ITU Radio-communication Sector.
- **Chief agency officer** for regulation of maritime Public Coast Stations in the United States, including management of the availability of the stations for routine and emergency communications.

## A History of Contributions to:



- International Mobile Satellite Organization
- International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
- United Nations
- International Maritime Organization
- International Telecommunication Union
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Organization
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

## Education

1980 Bachelor of Science  
*Duke University*  
*North Carolina, USA*

- Electrical Engineering (telecommunications systems)
- Public Policy Studies

2005 Master of Science with Distinction  
*National Defense University*  
*Washington, DC, USA*

National Resource Strategy (including research in ship construction, and emergency management)

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