

Agenda Item 2

Welcome Member States

The plenary is invited to:

1. Take note of the list of Member States and the progress made by signatory States in depositing their action instruments;
2. Take note of the composition of the Council.

Note

1. Pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article XVI of the Establishment Agreement, the Agreement shall enter into force upon the deposit of the requisite instruments by five signatory States, including the Host Country.
2. Since the signing ceremony of the Establishment Agreement held in November 2024, a total of 21 States have signed the Agreement. As of 5 June 2026, eight signatory States, namely China (the Host Country), Comoros, Cuba, Guinea, Laos, Madagascar, Nicaragua, and Pakistan, have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, or approval with the Interim Secretariat. The Agreement therefore entered into force on 5 June 2026. The Interim Secretariat notified all signatory States of the entry into force of the Agreement on the same date. As of the present meeting, the Interim Secretariat has not received any further instruments deposited by other signatory States.
3. Pursuant to paragraph 1.b of Article IV and paragraph 1 of Article VI, 8 States, namely China, Comoros, Cuba, Guinea, Laos, Madagascar, Nicaragua and Pakistan have become Member States of the IMC and constitute the Council. The remaining 13 signatory States are undertaking their domestic procedures for ratification, acceptance or approval.

List of Member States of the IMC

No.	State	Date of deposit of action instruments
1	The People's Republic of China	5 June 2026
2	The Union of the Comoros	18 December 2025
3	The Republic of Cuba	12 February 2025
4	The Republic of Guinea	7 October 2025
5	The Lao People's Democratic Republic	17 June 2025
6	The Republic of Madagascar	13 August 2025
7	The Republic of Nicaragua	21 January 2026
8	The Islamic Republic of Pakistan	27 August 2025