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5. ARGOS monthly status report

As of 27 August 1984 the ARGOS service was handling reports from 275 drifting buoys, 54 moored buoys, 0 balloon, 8 ships, 174 fixed stations and 85 miscellaneous platforms. On the same date, during a period of 24 hours, 1528 DRIBU reports from 93 drifting buoys were transmitted to the Paris for insertion into the GIS. The list of platforms reporting through ARGOS and distributed over the GIS is to be amended as follows:

(i) New active ARGOS platforms effective 27 August 1984

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>ARGOS Identifier</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>
<u>(a) Code DRIBU</u>		
France	01471	64521
Germany, Federal Republic of	03573	62603
*South Africa	04245	20645
	04246	20646
	04250	20650
	04251	20651
United States of America	03845	47503
	03846	47504
	03847	47505
	03849	47506
<u>(b) Code SHIP</u>		
*South Africa	04230	ZRRT

(ii) ARGOS platforms that have ceased transmitting

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>ARGOS Identifier</u>	<u>WMO Identifier</u>
United States of America	03830	48534
	03831	47508
	03833	48535
	03876	48538

*The Government of the Republic of South Africa has been suspended by Resolution 38(Cg-VII) from exercising its rights and enjoying its privileges as a Member of WMO.

6. Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network

In view of the difficulties experienced at present in identifying non-implemented observing stations or implemented stations which are closed or suspended for a certain period, or stations making observations but not reaching their NMCs, the ninth session of the CBS Advisory Working Group recommended that a special table be added to the WMO monthly operational letter to serve as feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes of the present state of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILUT reporting stations.

The special table, accompanied by explanatory notes overleaf, is attached as an appendix to this annex. Members are urged to fill in this appendix, as and when appropriate, and to return it to the Secretariat before the 1st of each month to enable changes to be included in the next monthly letter.

D. Information on operational status of space sub-system

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GMS-3, launched on 3 August 1984, was put into geostationary orbit at 140 degrees east on 16 August and is now undergoing mission checks. On 28 August the VISSR system was tested and first earth images were successfully obtained. Provided that everything goes well, facsimile broadcasts will routinely be made from late September 1984. Switching of GMS-2 to GMS-3 will be announced in GMS-2 facsimile broadcasts in due course.

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Due to failure of imaging capability of GOES-East (GOES-5), GOES-West (GOES-6) was moved eastward beginning at 0300 GMT on 2 August 1984 at a rate of 2 degrees per day and arrived at 98 degrees west about 21 August 1984. GOES-West WEFAX was changed to GOES-4, located at 139 degrees west. Users will be advised of changes in WEFAX schedules by operational messages and/or short bulletins inserted into the WEFAX broadcasts.