

5. ARGOS monthly status report

As of 25 September 1984 the ARGOS service was handling reports from 237 drifting buoys, 53 moored buoys, 1 balloon, 10 ships, fixed stations and 35 miscellaneous platforms. On the same date, during a period of 24 hours, 557 DRIBU reports from 40 drifting buoys were transmitted to the RTH Paris for insertion into the GTS. The list of platforms reporting through ARGOS and distributed over the GTS is to be amended as follows:

(i) New active ARGOS platforms effective 25 September 1984

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>ARGOS Identifier</u>	<u>WMO Identifier</u>
<u>Code DRIBU</u>		
France	01473	43601

(ii) ARGOS platforms that have ceased transmitting

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>ARGOS Identifier</u>	<u>WMO Identifier</u>
France	01471	64521
Saudia Arabia	05232	23508
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*South Africa	04246	20646
	09493	25893
United States of America	03385	47502

*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 WWW 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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The GOES-6 spacecraft is planned to be moved from position 98 degrees west to 108 degrees west during autumn and winter periods, and back to 98 degrees west during spring and summer. Such manoeuvres are planned during October 1984, May 1985 and October 1985.