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The challenging situation brought about by the new corona virus (COVID-19) required radical actions from governments worldwide in an attempt to slow down the spreading of the virus until a vaccine became available. Lockdowns became a de facto practice to prevent the virus from spreading further by reducing people's circulation. However, such practice had extremely negative effects on people's lives, essential services and the economy. In this context, it would be reasonable to expect that the operation of the IMS network was also impacted.

Station IS01-Pilcaniyeu in Argentina is an unmanned station composed of 8 elements. It was built in 2018/2019 and was certified in December 2019. It is currently running under the Initial Testing Agreement. During the pandemic, our team faced several challenges to ensure it remained operational. Overall, the station proved to be robust and did not present any signs of deterioration that required repairs, changes or upgrades. Thus far, it has been operational for almost 100% of Mission Capability during the period.

During this presentation, we will discuss the challenges and lessons learned from the management of the IS01-Pilcaniyeu station during the pandemic.

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