



CONFERENCE OF CONTRACTING  
GOVERNMENTS TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR  
THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

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**ADOPTION OF THE FINAL ACT AND ANY INSTRUMENTS,  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM  
THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE**

**Final Act of the Conference of Contracting Governments to the  
International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974**

**Text adopted by the Conference**

1 Pursuant to the decisions of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (the 1974 SOLAS Convention), attending the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its twenty-second session (19 to 30 November 2001) and in accordance with article VIII(c)(i) of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, a Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 was convened for the purpose of considering with a view to adopting amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and an associated International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code aimed at enhancing maritime security.

2 The Conference was held at the Headquarters of IMO in London from 9 to 13 December 2002.

3 Representatives of 108 Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention participated in the Conference, namely the representatives of:

ALGERIA  
ANGOLA  
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA  
ARGENTINA  
AUSTRALIA  
AZERBAIJAN  
BAHAMAS  
BAHRAIN  
BANGLADESH  
BARBADOS  
BELGIUM  
BELIZE  
BENIN  
BOLIVIA  
BRAZIL

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM  
BULGARIA  
CANADA  
CHILE  
CHINA  
COLOMBIA  
CONGO  
CÔTE D'IVOIRE  
CROATIA  
CYPRUS  
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
DENMARK  
DOMINICA  
ECUADOR

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EGYPT	PANAMA
ESTONIA	PERU
ETHIOPIA	PHILIPPINES
FINLAND	POLAND
FRANCE	PORTUGAL
GABON	QATAR
GEORGIA	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
GERMANY	ROMANIA
GHANA	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
GREECE	SAINT VINCENT AND THE
GUATEMALA	GRENADINES
HONDURAS	SAUDI ARABIA
HUNGARY	SENEGAL
ICELAND	SIERRA LEONE
INDIA	SINGAPORE
INDONESIA	SLOVENIA
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	SOUTH AFRICA
IRELAND	SPAIN
ISRAEL	SUDAN
ITALY	SWEDEN
JAMAICA	SWITZERLAND
JAPAN	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
JORDAN	THAILAND
KENYA	TONGA
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MALAYSIA	BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
MALTA	IRELAND
MARSHALL ISLANDS	UNITED REPUBLIC OF
MAURITANIA	TANZANIA
MAURITIUS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO	URUGUAY
MOROCCO	VANUATU
NETHERLANDS	VENEZUELA
NEW ZEALAND	VIETNAM
NIGERIA	YEMEN
NORWAY	YUGOSLAVIA
PAKISTAN	

4 The Czech Republic and Grenada sent observers to the Conference.

5 Hong Kong, China and Macao, China, Associate Members of the International Maritime Organization, sent observers to the Conference.

- 6 The following United Nations specialized agencies sent observers to the Conference:

OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)  
INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ILO)

- 7 The following intergovernmental organizations sent observers to the Conference:

WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION (WCO)  
COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (EC)  
INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO)  
MARITIME ORGANIZATION FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA (MOWCA)  
INTERNATIONAL COSPAS-SARSAT PROGRAMME AGREEMENT  
(COSPAS-SARSAT)  
PORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA  
(PMAESA)  
INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUND (1992 FUND)  
INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (IMSO)

- 8 The following non-governmental international organizations sent observers to the Conference:

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING (ICS)  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO)  
INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING FEDERATION (ISF)  
INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION (IEC)  
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MARINE INSURANCE (IUMI)  
INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU)  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND  
LIGHTHOUSE AUTHORITIES (IALA)  
INTERNATIONAL RADIO-MARITIME COMMITTEE (CIRM)  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBORS (IAPH)  
BIMCO  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES (IACS)  
ICHCA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED  
LATIN AMERICAN SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (LASA)  
OIL COMPANIES INTERNATIONAL MARINE FORUM (OCIMF)  
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PILOTS' ASSOCIATION (IMPA)  
FRIENDS OF THE EARTH INTERNATIONAL (FOEI)  
INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER LESSORS (IICL)  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSTITUTES OF NAVIGATION (IAIN)  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATIONS (IFSMA)  
INTERNATIONAL LIFESAVING APPLIANCES MANUFACTURERS (ILAMA)  
ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN SHIPBUILDERS AND SHIPREPAIRERS (AWES)  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT TANKER OWNERS  
(INTERTANKO)  
INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF P&I ASSOCIATIONS (P & I CLUBS)  
SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL GAS TANKER AND TERMINAL OPERATORS  
(SIGTTO)  
INTERNATIONAL SHIP SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION (ISSA)  
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CRUISE LINES (ICCL)

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRY CARGO SHIPOWNERS  
(INTERCARGO)  
INTERNATIONAL PARCEL TANKERS ASSOCIATION (IPTA)  
INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION (ISAF)  
WORLD NUCLEAR TRANSPORT INSTITUTE (WNTI)  
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN MARITIME ASSOCIATION (ICMA)  
THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS (RINA)

9 The Conference was opened by Mr. W.A. O'Neil, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization.

10 The Conference elected Mr. J. Franson, Head of the delegation of Sweden, President of the Conference.

11 The following were elected Vice-Presidents of the Conference:

Mr. William J. S. Elliott (Canada)  
Mr. Mitsuo Nakamoto (Japan)  
H.E. Alma-Rosa Moreno Razo (Mexico)  
Professor Marek Szymonski (Poland)  
H.E. El Hadj Amadou Niang (Senegal)

12 The Secretariat of the Conference consisted of the following officers:

Secretary-General	:	Mr. W.A. O'Neil, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
Executive Secretary	:	Mr. E.E. Mitropoulos, Assistant Secretary-General, Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO
Deputy Executive Secretary	:	Mr. T. Fossum, Senior Deputy Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO
Deputy Executive Secretary	:	Mr. A. Petrov, Senior Deputy Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO
Assistant Executive Secretary	:	Mr. H. Hesse, Deputy Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO

13 The Conference established the following Committees:

#### Committee of the Whole

Chairman	:	Mr. J.F. Wall (United Kingdom)
Vice-Chairman	:	Mr. D. Baird (Australia)
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr. S. Ilgin (Turkey)

Drafting Committee

Chairman : Mr. N. Charalambous (Cyprus)  
Vice-Chairman : Admiral E. Schroth (Peru)  
Vice-Chairman : Mr. I. Ponomarev (Russian Federation)

Credentials Committee

Chairman : Mr. Z. Alam (Singapore)

- 14 The Drafting Committee was composed of representatives of the following nine States:

CHINA	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
CYPRUS	SPAIN
EGYPT	UNITED KINGDOM
FRANCE	UNITED STATES
PERU	

- 15 The Credentials Committee was composed of representatives of the following five States:

ITALY	ROMANIA
NIGERIA	SINGAPORE
PHILIPPINES	

- 16 The Conference used as the basis of its work:

- (a) a draft text of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention;
- (b) a draft text of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code; and
- (c) a draft text of associated Conference resolutions,

which had been prepared and approved by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization, at its seventy-fifth session, and further modified by that Committee at its seventy-sixth session, for consideration by the Conference.

- 17 The Conference also considered proposals and comments submitted by SOLAS Contracting Governments and international organizations concerned.

- 18 As a result of its deliberations, as recorded in the reports of the respective Committees and in the records of decisions of plenary meetings of the Conference and meetings of the Committee of the Whole, the Conference adopted:

- (a) amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, together with resolution 1 on the adoption of these amendments, which constitute attachment 1 to this Final Act; and
- (b) the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, together with resolution 2 on the adoption of the ISPS Code, which constitute attachment 2 to this Final Act.

19 The Conference also adopted the following resolutions contained in attachment 3 to this Final Act:

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| Resolution | 3:  | Further work by the International Maritime Organization pertaining to the enhancement of maritime security  |
| Resolution | 4:  | Future amendments to chapters XI-1 and XI-2 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention on Special measures to enhance maritime safety and security respectively   |
| Resolution | 5:  | Promotion of technical co-operation and assistance  |
| Resolution | 6:  | Early implementation of the special measures to enhance maritime security   |
| Resolution | 7:  | Establishment of appropriate measures to enhance the security of ships, port facilities, mobile offshore drilling units on location and fixed and floating platforms not covered by chapter XI-2 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention |
| Resolution | 8:  | Enhancement of security in co-operation with the International Labour Organization  |
| Resolution | 9:  | Enhancement of security in co-operation with the World Customs Organization   |
| Resolution | 10: | Early implementation of long-range ships' identification and tracking   |
| Resolution | 11: | Human element-related aspects and shore leave for seafarers   |

20 The text of this Final Act, including its attachments, is established in a single original text in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages. The original is to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization.

21 The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization shall send:

- (a) certified copies of this Final Act, including its attachment 3, to the Governments of the States invited to be represented at the Conference;
- (b) certified copies of the authentic texts of the amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and of the ISPS Code, together with resolution 1 on the adoption of the amendments and resolution 2 on the adoption of the ISPS Code, to all Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention in conformity with article VIII(c)(ii) of the 1974 SOLAS Convention; and
- (c) copies of the texts of the amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and of the ISPS Code, together with resolution 1 on the adoption of the amendments and resolution 2 on the adoption of the ISPS Code, to Governments of States which are not Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have affixed their signatures to this Final Act.

DONE AT LONDON this thirteenth day of December two thousand and two.

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