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**REPORT ON THE 2002 CONFERENCE OF CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS TO
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY
OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974**

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on the outcome of the 2002 SOLAS Conference on Maritime Security

Action to be taken: Paragraph 8

Related documents: SOLAS/CONF.5/31, SOLAS/CONF.5/32 and SOLAS/CONF.5/34

1 Pursuant to the decisions of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 attending the Assembly 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. The Conference was held at the Headquarters of the Organization from 9 to 13 December 2002.

2 The Conference was attended by representatives of 109 Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention, observers from 2 Member States which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention, observers from 2 Associate Members and observers from 2 UN Specialized Agencies, 8 intergovernmental organizations and 32 non-governmental organizations in consultative status.

3 The Conference elected Mr. J. Franson, Head of the delegation of Sweden, as President of the Conference and Mr. William J. S. Elliott (Canada), Mr. Mitsuo Nakamoto (Japan), H.E. Mrs. Alma-Rosa Moreno Razo (Mexico), Professor Marek Szymonski (Poland) and H.E. El Hadj Amadou Niang (Senegal), as Vice-Presidents of the Conference.

4 As a result of its deliberations, the Conference adopted:

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

which constitute attachments 1 and 2 to the Final Act of the Conference.

5 The Conference determined that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, the amendments adopted thereto and the associated International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2004, unless requisite objections thereto have been notified to the Secretary-General prior to that date, and will enter into force on 1 July 2004.

6 In addition to Conference resolutions 1 and 2 referred to in paragraph 4, the Conference adopted the following resolutions contained in attachment 3 to the Final Act of the Conference:

- 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;
- 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; and
- Resolution 11: Human element-related aspects and shore leave for seafarers.

7 Under the provisions of paragraph 21 of the Final Act, the Secretary-General was requested to send:

- (a) certified copies of the Conference 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.

Action requested of the Council

8 The Council is invited to take note of, and comment on, the information in this document on the outcome of the Conference and, in particular, to authorize the Secretary-General to perform the functions requested of him by the Conference, as set out in the Final Act.
