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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING,  
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR  
SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED**

**Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification  
and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended, confirmed by  
the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which  
demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the  
relevant provisions of the Convention**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its eighty-fourth session (7 to 16 May 2008), received reports by the Secretary-General pursuant to regulation I/7, paragraph 2 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW Convention), 1978, as amended. The reports were in respect of those STCW Parties, whose information had not been fully evaluated previously and in time for them to be considered by MSC 82. A list of the STCW Parties which had communicated information that demonstrated that they were giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention at that session of the Committee, together with those which had previously been confirmed by MSC 82 (29 November to 8 December 2006), MSC 80 (11 to 21 May 2005), MSC 79 (1 to 10 December 2004), MSC 78 (12 to 21 May 2004), MSC 77 (28 May to 6 June 2003), MSC 76 (2 to 13 December 2002), MSC 75 (15 to 24 May 2002), the Committee's first extraordinary session (27 and 28 November 2001), MSC 74 (30 May to 8 June 2001) and MSC 73 (27 November to 6 December 2000), was promulgated by means of MSC/Circ.1163/Rev.2 dated 24 April 2007.

2 MSC 84 noted that, in preparing the reports required by STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 2, the Secretary-General had solicited and taken into account the views of competent persons selected from the list established pursuant to paragraph 5 of section A-I/7 of the STCW Code and circulated as MSC/Circ.797, as revised from time to time.

3 In accordance with STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 3, MSC 84 confirmed three further STCW Parties, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1163/Rev.2, which had communicated information demonstrating that they were giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention, as amended. The list at annex contains those STCW Parties confirmed by the Committee at its seventy-third, seventy-fourth, first extraordinary, seventy-fifth, seventy-sixth, seventy-seventh, seventy-eighth, seventy-ninth, eightieth, eighty-second and eighty-fourth sessions. The Committee noted that, as the process of communicating and evaluating information is continuing, further Parties may be added to the list at annex at subsequent meetings.

4 The Committee draws the attention of maritime administrations, shipowners, ship operators and managers, ship masters and other parties concerned to the following:

- .1 not all of the STCW Parties listed at annex provide seafarer training, and some of those Parties listed may only provide a limited range of training; and
- .2 the fact that a Party is listed in the annex does not relieve those concerned of their obligations under the STCW Convention.

5 As Parties are entitled to accept, in principle, certificates issued by or on behalf of Parties identified in the list at annex, and a position on that list is one of the necessary measures used by many Administrations for the issue of endorsements in compliance with STCW regulation I/10, the attention of port State control officers is drawn to the fact that this circular was issued on 16 May 2008 and, therefore, some seafarers may, for practical reasons, not hold certificates with such endorsements.

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## ANNEX

**Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification  
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Algeria	Ghana	Panama
Antigua and Barbuda	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Argentina	Honduras	Peru
Australia	Hungary	Philippines
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Poland
Bahamas	India	Portugal
Bahrain	Indonesia	Qatar
Bangladesh	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Republic of Korea
Barbados	Ireland	Romania
Belgium	Italy	Russian Federation
Belize	Israel	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Brazil	Jamaica	Samoa
Brunei Darussalam	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Bulgaria	Jordan	Senegal
Cambodia	Kiribati	Singapore
Canada	Kuwait	Slovak Republic
Cape Verde	Latvia	Slovenia
Chile	Lebanon	Solomon Islands
China *	Liberia	South Africa
Colombia	Lithuania	Spain
Comoros	Luxembourg	Sri Lanka
Côte d'Ivoire	Madagascar	Sweden
Croatia	Malaysia	Switzerland
Cuba	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Cyprus	Maldives	Thailand
Czech Republic	Malta	Tonga
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Marshall Islands	Trinidad & Tobago
Denmark **	Mauritania	Tunisia
Dominica	Mauritius	Turkey
Ecuador	Mexico	Tuvalu
Egypt	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Ukraine
Eritrea	Morocco	United Arab Emirates
Estonia	Mozambique	United Kingdom *****
Ethiopia	Myanmar ***	United Republic of Tanzania
Fiji	Netherlands ****	United States
Finland	New Zealand *****	Uruguay
France	Nigeria	Vanuatu
Georgia	Norway	Venezuela
Germany	Oman	Viet Nam *****
	Pakistan	Yugoslavia

\* Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate Member to the IMO).

\*\* Includes: Faroe Islands (Associate Member to the IMO).

\*\*\* Includes: Netherlands Antilles & Aruba.

\*\*\*\* Includes: The Cook Islands.

\*\*\*\*\* Includes: Bermuda  
Cayman Islands  
Gibraltar  
Isle of Man.

\*\*\*\*\* As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. Following the dissolution of the State of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all treaty actions relating to the provisions of the STCW Convention undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro with effect from the same date, i.e. 3 June 2006.