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DRAFT TEXT OF FINAL ACT OF THE
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Prepared by the Drafting Committee

Attached hereto is the Final Act of the International Conference on
Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

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SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

1. By its Resolution A.304(VIII) of 23 November 1973, the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization decided to convene in 1974 an international Conference to conclude a new Convention to replace the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea signed in London on 17 June 1960.

2.* Upon the invitation of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization the Conference was held in London from 21 October to 1 November 1974. The following States were represented by delegations at the Conference:

Algeria	Japan
Argentina	Kuwait
Australia	Liberia
Belgium	Libyan Arab Republic
Brazil	Madagascar
Bulgaria	Mexico
Burma	Monaco
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Netherlands
Canada	New Zealand
Chile	Nigeria
China	Norway
Congo	Pakistan
Cuba	Panama
Cyprus	Peru
Czechoslovakia	Poland
Democratic Yemen	Portugal
Denmark	Republic of Korea
Egypt	Republic of Viet-Nam
Finland	Senegal
France	Singapore
Gabon	Spain
German Democratic Republic	Sri Lanka
Germany, Federal Republic of	Sweden
Ghana	Switzerland
Greece	Turkey
Hungary	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Iceland	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
India	United Kingdom
Indonesia	United Republic of Tanzania
Iran	United States of America
Ireland	Uruguay
Israel	Venezuela
Italy	Yugoslavia
Jamaica	

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3. Austria was represented at the Conference by an Observer.

4. Hong Kong, an Associate Member of the Organization, sent an Observer to the Conference.

5.* At the invitation of the Organization, the following organizations in the United Nations system sent Representatives to the Conference:

International Labour Organisation (ILO)
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

6.* The following non-governmental organizations also sent Observers to the Conference:

International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU)
International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)
International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)
Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)
International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA)
Engineering Committee on Oceanic Resources (ECOR)
International Air Transport Association (IATA)

7. Rear-Admiral R.Y. Edwards of the delegation of the United States of America was elected President of the Conference. The following were elected Vice-Presidents:

H.E. Dr. M. de Anchorena (Argentina)
Mr. M. El-Sarnak (Egypt)
Dr. H. Rentner (German Democratic Republic)
Captain S. Tardana (Indonesia)
Mr. J.G. Senghor (Senegal)

8. The following officers of the Conference were appointed:

Secretary-General	Mr. C.P. Srivastava Secretary-General of the Organization
Deputy Secretary-General	Mr. J. Quéguiner Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization
Executive Secretary	Captain A. Saveliev Secretary, Maritime Safety Committee
Deputy Executive Secretary	Captain Z.N. Sdougos Director, Marine Safety Division

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9. The Conference established the following Committees:

Steering Committee

Chairman: Rear-Admiral R.Y. Edwards,
President of the Conference

Committee I

Chairman: Mr. G.E.A. Longe (Nigeria)
Vice-Chairman: Commander E. Mitropoulos (Greece)

Committee II

Chairman: Mr. P. Eriksson (Sweden)
Vice-Chairman: Captain M.A. Chaffar (Pakistan)

Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. A. Rozental (Mexico)

Drafting Committee

Chairman: Mr. G. Unkles (Australia)

10. The Conference had before it and used as a basis for its discussions

- the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,
- amendments thereto adopted by the Assembly of the Organization, pursuant to the Convention, in 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1971 and 1973,
- proposed amendments to certain Articles of the 1960 Convention, prepared by the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization,
- consequential and editorial amendments to certain Regulations,
- proposals and comments on the Articles and Regulations submitted to the Conference by interested Governments and Organizations.

11. As a result of its deliberations, recorded in the reports of the respective Committees, and in the records of the plenary sessions, the Conference adopted THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, which constitutes Attachment I to this Final Act.

12. The Conference also adopted a number of Resolutions, the texts of which comprise Attachment II to this Final Act.

13. The Conference adopted a number of Recommendations Applicable to Nuclear Ships, the texts of which comprise Attachment III to this Final Act, in order to provide guidance for Governments in the application of the Regulations included in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and to draw attention to the main problems which at the present stage of technical development require attention.

14. The text of this Final Act including its attachments is deposited with the Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization. It is established in a single original text in the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages. Official translations of the Convention shall be prepared in the Arabic, German and Italian languages and shall be deposited with this Final Act.

15. The Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization shall send certified copies of this Final Act with the Resolutions of the Conference, certified copies of the authentic text of the Convention and, when they have been prepared, official translations of the Convention, to the Governments of the States invited to be represented at the Conference in accordance with the wishes of those Governments.

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

DONE AT LONDON this [first day of November] one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four.
