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To: All IMO Members  
All States not Members of IMO

Subject: **Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to article 17 of the Protocol of 2002 relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974 according to which the Protocol remained open for signature from 1 May 2003 to 30 April 2004.

As at that date, signatures had been affixed by representatives of six Governments. The signatures and dates on which they were affixed, together with other inscriptions, are set out below:

FOR FINLAND

(signed) Pertti Salolainen  
“subject to acceptance”

28 April 2004

The signature for Finland was accompanied by the following declaration:

“Finland declares that the signature, subject to acceptance, by it of the Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974, is without prejudice to the exclusive competence which the European Community has in relation to certain matters which are governed by this Protocol”.

FOR GERMANY

29 April 2004

(signed) T. Matussek  
“subject to ratification”

The signature for Germany was accompanied by the following declaration:

“The signature subject to ratification of the Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974, is without prejudice to the exclusive competence which the European Community has in relation to certain matters which are governed by this Protocol”.

FOR NORWAY

31 March 2004

(signed) Tarald O. Brautaset  
subject to ratification

FOR SPAIN

14 January 2004

(signed) Tamarón  
“bajo reserva de ratificación”

FOR SWEDEN

(signed) Mats Bergquist  
“subject to ratification”

20 April 2004

The signature by Sweden was accompanied by the following declaration:

“Sweden declares that the signature by it, subject to ratification, of the Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974, is without prejudice to the exclusive competence which the European Community has in relation to certain matters which are governed by this Protocol”.

FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM

(signed) David Jamieson  
“subject to ratification”

27 April 2004

The signature by the United Kingdom was accompanied by the following declaration:

“The United Kingdom declares that the signature by it, subject to ratification, of the Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974, is without prejudice to the exclusive competence which the European Community has in relation to certain matters which are governed by this Protocol”.