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REVISION OF THE ATHENS
CONVENTION RELATING TO THE
CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR
LUGGAGE BY 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 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE REVISION OF THE
ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND
THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974**

Text approved by the Conference

1 In accordance with Article 2(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, the Council of the Organization decided, at its twenty-first extraordinary session in November 2001, to convene a diplomatic conference to consider the adoption of a protocol of 2002 to amend the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974. This decision was endorsed by the Assembly of the Organization at its twenty-second regular session by resolution A.906(22) of 29 November 2001 on the Work Programme and Budget for the Twenty-Second Financial Period 2002-2003.

2 The Conference was held at the Headquarters of the International Maritime Organization in London from 21 October to 1 November 2002.

3 Representatives of 71 States participated in the Conference, namely the representatives of:

ALGERIA	CROATIA
ANGOLA	CUBA
ARGENTINA	CYPRUS
AUSTRALIA	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES'
BAHAMAS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
BANGLADESH	DENMARK
BELGIUM	ECUADOR
BOLIVIA	EGYPT
BRAZIL	ESTONIA
BURKINA FASO	FINLAND
CANADA	FRANCE
CHILE	GERMANY
CHINA	GHANA
COLOMBIA	GREECE
COTE D'IVOIRE	GUATEMALA

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HAITI	PERU
INDONESIA	PHILIPPINES
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	POLAND
IRELAND	PORTUGAL
ISRAEL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
ITALY	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
JAMAICA	SAUDI ARABIA
JAPAN	SINGAPORE
KENYA	SPAIN
LATVIA	SWEDEN
LEBANON	SWITZERLAND
LIBERIA	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
MALAYSIA	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
MALTA	TUNISIA
MARSHALL ISLANDS	TURKEY
MEXICO	UKRAINE
MOROCCO	UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT
NAMIBIA	BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
NETHERLANDS	IRELAND
NIGERIA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NORWAY	VANUATU
PANAMA	VENEZUELA

4 A delegation from the CZECH REPUBLIC attended the Conference as an observer.

5 HONG KONG, CHINA, an Associate Member of the Organization, sent observers to the Conference.

6 The following intergovernmental organizations sent observers to the Conference:

EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EC)
INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUNDS (IOPC FUNDS)
ARAB FEDERATION OF SHIPPING (AFS)
INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (IMSO)

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

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING (ICS)
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MARINE INSURANCE (IUMI)
INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU)
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COMMITTEE (CMI)
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBORS (IAPH)
BIMCO
INTERNATIONAL CARGO HANDLING CO-ORDINATION ASSOCIATION
(ICHCA)
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES (IACS)
EUROPEAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL (CEFIC)
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRODUCERS OF INSURANCE
AND REINSURANCE (BIPAR)
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATIONS
(IFSMMA)

INTERNATIONAL SALVAGE UNION (ISU)
INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF P AND I ASSOCIATIONS (P AND I CLUBS)
THE WORLD CONSERVATION UNION (IUCN)
INTERNATIONAL SHIP SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION (ISSA)
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CRUISE LINES (ICCL)
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRY CARGO SHIPOWNERS
(INTERCARGO)
WORLD NUCLEAR TRANSPORT INSTITUTE (WNTI)

8 H.E. Dr. Ra Jong-Yil, Head of the delegation of Republic of Korea was elected President of the Conference.

9 The Vice-Presidents elected by the Conference were:

H.E. Senhor A. Da Costa Fernandes (Angola)
H.E. Mr. B.G. O'Brien, CMG (Bahamas)
Ms. M. Markus (Estonia)
Mr. E. Tsantzas (Greece)
H.E. Mr. J. Mortada (Lebanon)

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

Secretary-General	-	Mr. W.A. O'Neil Secretary-General of the Organization
Executive Secretary	-	Dr. R.P. Balkin Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division
Deputy Executive Secretary	-	Mr. A. Blanco-Bazán Senior Deputy Director/Head, Legal Office Legal Affairs and External Relations Division

11 The Conference established a Committee of the Whole with the mandate to consider a draft protocol of 2002 to amend the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974.

12 The Drafting Committee established by the Conference was composed of representatives of the following nine States:

Chile
China
Egypt
France
Ghana
Russian Federation
Spain
United Kingdom
United States

13 A Credentials Committee was appointed to examine the credentials of representatives attending the Conference. The Committee was composed of representatives of the following five States:

Ecuador
Indonesia
Liberia
Netherlands
Turkey

14 The officers elected for the Committees were as follows:

Committee of the Whole:

Chairman: Mr. G. Sivertsen (Norway)

First Vice-Chairman: Dr. B. Czerwenka (Germany)

Second Vice-Chairman: Capt. P. San Miguel (Venezuela)

Drafting Committee:

Chairman: Mr. Kofi Mbiah (Ghana)

First Vice-Chairman: Capt. J.F. Ahern (United States)

Second Vice-Chairman: Counsellor M.M.K. Abbas (Egypt)

Credentials Committee:

Chairman: Capt. J.E. Vega Romero (Ecuador)

15 The Conference used as the basis of its work the following document:

- draft protocol of 2002 to amend the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974

16 Also before the Conference were a number of documents containing proposals and comments submitted by Governments and interested organizations on the above-mentioned draft text.

17 As a result of its deliberations the Conference adopted the following instrument:

PROTOCOL OF 2002 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE
CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974

18 The Conference also adopted the following resolutions which are contained in the Attachment to this Final Act:

1 RESOLUTION ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION
ORGANIZATIONS

- 2 RESOLUTION ON CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE OR OTHER FINANCIAL SECURITY AND SHIPS FLYING THE FLAG OF A STATE UNDER THE TERMS OF A BAREBOAT CHARTER REGISTRATION
- 3 RESOLUTION ON FRAMEWORK OF GOOD PRACTICE WITH RESPECT TO CARRIERS' LIABILITIES

19 This Final Act is established in a single original text in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages which is to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Organization.

20 The Conference requested the Secretary-General to prepare the authentic, consolidated texts in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish of the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 2002.

21 The Secretary-General shall send certified copies of this Final Act with its Attachment, and certified copies of the authentic texts of the instruments referred to in paragraphs 17 and 20 above to the Governments of the States invited to be represented at the Conference.

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

DONE IN LONDON this first day of November, two thousand and two.
