RESOLUTION MSC.91(72) (adopted on 26 May 2000)

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING FURTHER article VIII(b) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, hereinafter referred to as "the Convention", concerning the procedures for amending the Annex to the Convention, other than the provisions of chapter I thereof,

NOTING its decision, at its seventieth session, that the requirement of SOLAS regulation III/28.2 (that passenger ships of 130 m in length and upwards constructed on or after 1 July 1999 should be fitted with a helicopter landing area) should be repealed for non ro-ro passenger ships, and the subsequent issuance to this effect of MSC/Circ.907 on Application of SOLAS regulation III/28.2 concerning helicopter landing areas on non ro-ro passenger ships,

NOTING FURTHER the addition to the 1974 SOLAS Convention of a new SOLAS chapter XII (Additional safety measures for bulk carriers) adopted by resolution 1 of the 1997 SOLAS Conference,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its seventy-second session, amendments to the Convention proposed and circulated in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) thereof,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;

2. DETERMINES, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2001, unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments;

3. INVITES Contracting Governments to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2002, upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article VIII(b)(v) of the Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the Annex to all Contracting Governments to the Convention;

5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its Annex to Members of the Organization, which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention.

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ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED

CHAPTER III LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Regulation 28 – Helicopter landing and pick-up areas

1 In paragraph 2 of the regulation, the words "Passenger ships" are replaced by the words "Ro-ro passenger ships".

APPENDIX CERTIFICATES

2 In the form of the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate and the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate given in the appendix to the Annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, under the heading "Type of ship", the words "Bulk carrier" are inserted between the heading and the words "Oil tanker".