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SHIP/PORT INTERFACE

Communications between maritime administrations and ports/terminals

1 The Facilitation Committee, at its twenty-fifth session (30 June to 4 July 1997), having considered at the request of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), options for improving communications between administrations and ports/terminals in general, which emanated from the MSC's concern for the safety of ships, particularly of those carrying solid bulk cargoes, invites Member Governments to bring the following points to the attention of parties concerned:

- .1 Two-way channels of communication should be established between maritime administrations and ports/terminals as part of the consultative process on matters relating to the ship/port interface, and to disseminate developments as they arise;
- .2 Contact points should be established to facilitate such communications when the need arises; and
- .3 Member Governments should be aware that besides matters being dealt with by the Facilitation Committee and its Working Group on Ship/Port Interface, also other bodies of the Organization deal with matters having relevance to the ship/port interface. Examples are, *inter alia*:
 - Safe loading and unloading of bulk carriers*;
 - Safe practice for Stowage and Securing of Cargoes**; and
 - Provision of adequate Reception Facilities.

*Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers, approved by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-eighth session (MSC 68/23, annex 15, June 1997), subject to adoption by the twentieth Assembly (November 1997).

**Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing, adopted by the IMO Assembly at its seventeenth session (November 1991) by resolution A.714(17), as amended.