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## **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978**

### **Clarification of regulations I/6 and I/7 of the STCW Convention**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-ninth session (11 to 20 May 1998), having been made aware of the need to clarify the applicability of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, in relation to training carried out under the provisions of the STCW Convention which does not lead to the issue of an appropriate certificate as well as the continuing role for competent persons, agreed that the requirements of the Convention should be read and interpreted as follows:

- .1 training carried out under the STCW Convention which does not lead to the issue of an appropriate certificate and on which information provided by a Party is found by the Maritime Safety Committee to give full and complete effect to the Convention in accordance with regulation I/7 paragraph 2, may be accepted by other Parties to the Convention as meeting the relevant training requirements thereof; and
  - .2 the requirement for Parties to communicate information on the outcome of periodical independent evaluations of the quality standards systems required under regulation I/8 is subject to assessment by competent persons. There is, therefore, a continuing role for competent persons. Any document listing Parties identified by the Maritime Safety Committee as giving full and complete effect to the provisions of the STCW Convention (the so-called 'White List') will be a dynamic document and therefore subject to updating according to the provisions of the Convention. Furthermore, at the time of the Secretary-General's report to the Committee, certain provisions of the Convention may not be applicable to a Party. If, however, a Party subsequently implements any of these provisions, then any additional information communicated thereon by the Party in accordance with regulation I/7 would be required to be considered by the competent persons in order to assist the Secretary-General to make a further report to the Committee.
- 2 Member Governments are invited to bring the above clarifications to the attention of all concerned.