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Subject: Facilitation of shore leave of seafarers.

Provisions of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended, establish a general right for crew members to be entitled to shore leave while their ship arrive at port, subject to the required formalities for arrival of the ship have been fulfilled.

2. While implementing the provisions of the ISPS Code, it is of utmost importance for the ports and the concerned authorities, to facilitate shore leave to seafarers, when their vessels call at their ports.

3. In this regard, reference is invited to IMO Conference Resolution 11 (adopted on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2012) on the subject of "Human Elements related aspects and shore leave for seafarers", a copy of which is enclosed for ready reference.

4. It is therefore, required that all Indian ports shall have necessary procedures documented in their Port Facility Security Plans to facilitate shore leave of seafarers visiting their ports when their vessels arrive. These procedures may be forwarded to this Directorate for amending the respective Port Facility Security Plans, by 30.4.2013.

(Capt. H. Khatri)

Dy. Director General of Shipping (Tech)

Conference resolution 11  
(adopted on 12 December 2002)

## Human-element-related aspects and shore leave for seafarers

THE CONFERENCE,

HAVING ADOPTED amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"), concerning special measures to enhance maritime safety and security,

RECOGNIZING that the shipping industry and the smooth transportation of goods are essential to world trade,

RECALLING that the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "the Organization") adopted resolution A.907(22) on the long-term work programme of the Organization (up to 2008) and that the human element is an important item thereof,

RECALLING ALSO the provisions of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended, which has, *inter alia*, established a general right for foreign crew members to be entitled to shore leave while the ship on which they arrived is in port, provided that the formalities on arrival of the ship have been fulfilled and the public authorities have no reason to refuse permission to come ashore for reasons of public health, public safety or public order,

RECALLING FURTHER the generally accepted principles of international human rights applicable to all workers, including seafarers,

CONSIDERING that, given the global nature of the shipping industry, seafarers need special protection,

BEING AWARE that seafarers work and live on ships involved in international trade and that access to shore facilities and shore leave are vital elements of seafarers' general well-being and, therefore, to the realization of safer seas and cleaner oceans,

BEING AWARE ALSO that the ability to go ashore is essential for joining and leaving a ship after the agreed period of service,

1. URGES Contracting Governments to take the human element, the need to afford special protection to seafarers and the critical importance of shore leave into account when implementing the provisions of chapter XI-2

of the Convention and the International Ship and Port Facility (ISPS) Code (hereinafter referred to as "the Code");

2. ENCOURAGES Contracting Governments, Member States of the Organization and non-governmental organizations with consultative status at the Organization to report to the Organization any instances where the human element has been adversely impacted by the implementation of the provisions of chapter XI-2 of the Convention or the Code; and

3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Facilitation Committee of the Organization, any human-element-related problems which have been communicated to the Organization as a result of the implementation of chapter XI-2 of the Convention or the Code.