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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

2014 amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (new chapter XIV) (amendments to make the use of the safety-related provisions of the Polar Code mandatory) (Resolution MSC.386(94))

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO

2015 amendments to the annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V to make the use of the environment-related provisions of the Polar Code mandatory) (Resolution MEPC.265(68))

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the 2014 amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fourth session in November 2014 by resolution MSC.386(94), and to state that he received communications by the Governments of Canada and the Republic of Finland as detailed below.

In accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the SOLAS Convention, due to national procedural requirements:

- Canada is hereby exempting itself from giving effect to the amendments for a period not longer than one year from the date of entry into force of the amendments; and
- Finland is obliged to object to the amendments but intends to accept them as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out.

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has further the honour to refer to the 2015 amendments to the annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-eighth session in May 2015, by resolution MEPC.265(68) and to state that he received communications by the Governments of Canada and the Republic of Finland as detailed below.

In accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the MARPOL Convention, due to national procedural requirements:

- Canada's express approval will be necessary before the amendments enter into force for Canada; and
- Finland is obliged to object to these amendments but intends to accept them as soon as the legislative amendments necessary to such acceptance have been carried out.

Both sets of amendments entered into force on 1 January 2017 for all Parties, with the exception of Canada and Finland.
