

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA**

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FOREWORD

Introduction

- 1 The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS 1974), was adopted by the international Conference on Safety of Life at Sea on 1 November 1974 and its Protocol of 1978 (SOLAS Protocol 1978) by the International Conference on Tanker Safety and Pollution Prevention on 17 February 1978.
- 2 SOLAS 1974 entered into force on 25 May 1980 and SOLAS Protocol 1978 on 1 May 1981. Since then, several amendments to both treaty instruments have been adopted.
- 3 On 20 November 1981 amendments were adopted to SOLAS 1974 by resolution MSC. 1(XLV) (1981 SOLAS amendments) and to SOLAS Protocol 1978 by resolution MSC. 2(XLV) (1981 amendments to SOLAS Protocol 1978) in accordance with the procedures specified in article VIII. The 1981 SOLAS amendments and the 1981 amendments to SOLAS Protocol 1978 entered into force on 1 September 1984.
- 4 On 17 June 1983 further amendments to SOLAS 1974 were adopted by resolution MSC. 6(48) (1983 SOLAS amendments) in accordance with the procedures specified in article VIII. The 1983 SOLAS amendments entered into force on 1 July 1986.
- 5 Also on 17 June 1983 the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) was adopted by resolution MSC. 4(48) and the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) was adopted by resolution MSC. 5(48). The 1983 SOLAS amendments (parts B and C of chapter VII) made these Codes mandatory under the Convention (resolution MSC. 6(48)).^①
- 6 On 29 April 1987 amendments to the IBC Code were adopted by resolution MSC. 10(54) (1987 (IBC Code) amendments). These amendments entered into force on 30 October 1988.^①
- 7 On 21 April 1988 amendments to SOLAS 1974 were adopted by resolution MSC. 11(55) (1988 (April ro-ro) amendments). These amendments entered into force on 22 October 1989.

^① Consolidated texts of these Codes are published separately.

8 On 28 October 1988 further amendments to SOLAS 1974 were adopted by resolution MSC. 12(56) (1988 (October ro-ro) amendments). These amendments entered into force on 29 April 1990.

9 On 9 November 1988 the Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, on the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) adopted amendments to SOLAS 1974 (1988 (GMDSS) amendments) which entered into force on 1 February 1992.

10 On 10 November 1988 the Conference of Parties to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, on the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) adopted amendments to SOLAS Protocol 1978 (1988 (GMDSS) amendments to SOLAS Protocol 1978) which entered into force on 1 February 1992.

11 On 11 April 1989 further amendments to SOLAS 1974 were adopted in accordance with the procedures specified in article VIII, by resolution MSC. 13(57) (1989 (April) amendments). These amendments entered into force on 1 February 1992.

12 Also on 11 April 1989 amendments to the IBC Code were adopted in accordance with the procedures specified in article VIII, by resolution MSC. 14(57) (1989 (IBC Code) amendments). These amendments entered into force on 13 October 1990. ^①

13 On 24 May 1990 amendments to the IBC and IGC Codes were adopted in accordance with the procedures specified in article VIII, by resolutions MSC. 16(58) and MSC. 17(58) respectively (1990 (IBC Code and IGC Code) amendments). These amendments will be deemed to have been accepted on the date six months after the conditions for the entry into force of both the Protocol of 1988 relating to SOLAS 1974 (SOLAS Protocol 1988) and the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (Load Line Protocol 1988) are met, provided that the date of acceptance is not before 1 August 1991, unless prior to that date objections are communicated to the Organization as provided for in article VIII(b)(vi)(2)- They would enter into force six months following the date of their deemed acceptance. ^①

14 On 25 May 1990 amendments to SOLAS 1974 were adopted by resolution MSC. 19(58) (1990 (chapter 11-1) amendments). These amendments entered into force on 1 February 1992.

15 On 11 November 1988 the International Conference on the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification adopted the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS Protocol

^① Consolidated texts of these Codes are published separately.

1988). SOLAS Protocol 1988 will enter into force twelve months after the date on which both the following conditions have been met:

- “(a) not less than fifteen States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world’s merchant shipping, have expressed their consent to be bound by it in accordance with article IV, and
- (b) the conditions for the entry into force of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, have been met,

provided that the present Protocol shall not enter into force before 1 February 1992.” On entering into force SOLAS Protocol 1988 will replace and abrogate SOLAS Protocol 1978 as between Parties to SOLAS Protocol 1988. ^①

16 Further amendments to SOLAS 1974 were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-ninth session by resolution MSC. 22(59), and these will enter into force on 1 January 1994. The resolution and amendments have been included in this publication as appendix 2.

17 A listing of certificates and documents to be carried on boardships, which is not part of the Convention, is reproduced in appendix 3 to this publication. The listing, including brief descriptions of the purpose of the certificates and documents, is expected to assist shore staff, officials and shipmasters in evaluating what documents and certificates are necessary for port State control and the smooth operation of ships in ports.

Content of consolidated text

18 This publication contains a consolidated text of SOLAS 1974, SOLAS Protocol 1978, and all subsequent amendments upto and including the 1990 amendments. The text has been compiled by the Secretariat at the direction of the Council and is intended to provide an easy reference to all SOLAS requirements applicable from 1 February 1992.

19 Those provisions of chapter I of SOLAS 1974 which have been modified by SOLAS Protocol 1978 are indicated by the letter **P**. No such letter is shown for provisions in other chapters of SOLAS 1974 which were modified by SOLAS Protocol 1978, since those provisions have been superseded by SOLAS amendments subsequently adopted.

20 In general, the operational requirements contained in this consolidated text are applicable to all ships and requirements for construction and equipment ap-

^① Provisions contained in SOLAS Protocol 1988 are not incorporated in the present consolidated text.

ply to ships constructed on or after 1 February 1992. To identify construction and equipment requirements applicable to ships constructed before that date, previous texts of SOLAS 1974, SOLAS Protocol 1978 and the amendments to SOLAS 1974 and SOLAS Protocol 1978 listed in paragraphs 3, 4, 7 and 8 should be consulted, in addition to those provisions contained in this consolidated text specifically addressed to such ships. For instance, special requirements for existing passenger ships are contained only in part F of chapter II-2 of the original SOLAS 1974 but neither in chapter II-2 of the 1981 amendments nor in this consolidated text.

21 The footnotes given in this consolidated text refer to codes, guidelines and recommendations relating to a particular text and have been updated by the Secretariat to the time of publication. In addition, certain explanatory footnotes have been inserted based on relevant texts of codes, guidelines, recommendations or other decisions of the Maritime Safety Committee. In all cases, the reader must make use of the latest versions of the referenced texts, bearing in mind that such texts may have been revised or superseded by updated material since publication of this consolidated edition of the SOLAS Convention. The forms of attachments to the cargo ship safety construction and equipment certificates issued under SOLAS Protocol 1978 are given in annex 2.

22 In general, this publication reproduces the text of SOLAS 1974 including the modifications and amendments as given in the authentic text, and includes some minor editorial changes in order to achieve a degree of consistency between the texts taken from SOLAS 1974 and SOLAS Protocol 1978 and the various SOLAS amendments. Such editing does not alter the substance and is limited to the following:

- . 1 in chapter 1, the expressions the present Protocol, the Convention and the present Protocol, the present Convention and the present Convention and the present Regulations are replaced by a simple term the present regulations. Similarly, the expression chapter I of the Convention and the present Protocol is replaced by the term this chapter; and
- . 2 the use of initial capitals and spelling follows the guidelines in the IMO Style Manual, which conforms to the style adopted for the 1983 and subsequent SOLAS amendments.

23 on the other hand, attention is drawn to the following matters which have not been regularized by editing:

- . 1 while the decimal numbering system is used for paragraphs and subparagraphs of regulations in chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV and VII which were completely rewritten in the 1981, 1983 or 1988 amendments, the original numbering system is retained in other chapters;

- . 2 the references to regulations, paragraphs and chapters in the texts adopted in the 1981 and subsequent amendments use an abbreviated form (e. g. " regulation II-2/55. 5"), whereas the original reference system is retained in unamended regulations (e. g. " regulation 5 of this chapter" , "paragraph (a) of this regulation");**
- 3 the term tons gross tonnage is retained, which encompasses the gross tonnage determined by the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, and the tons gross tonnage determined by existing national tonnage measurement regulations (resolution A. 493 (XII);and**
- . 4 references to imperial units have been retained when they occur in texts that have not been amended on the understanding that, when the relevant texts are amended, metric values of the SI system will be used to the exclusion of imperial units in accordance with resolution A. 351 (IX).**

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Articles of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974

THE CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS,

BEING DESIROUS of promoting safety of life at sea by establishing in a common agreement uniform principles and rules directed thereto,

CONSIDERING that this end may best be achieved by the conclusion of a Convention to replace the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, taking account of developments since that Convention was included,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article I

General obligations under the Convention

(a) The Contracting Governments undertake to give effect to the provisions of the present Convention and the annex thereto, which shall constitute an integral part of the present Convention. Every reference to the present Convention constitutes at the same time a reference to the annex.

(b) The Contracting Governments undertake to promulgate all laws, decrees, orders and regulations and to take all other steps which may be necessary to give the present Convention full and complete effect, so as to ensure that, from the point of view of safety of life, a ship is fit for the service for which it is intended.

Article II

Application

The present Convention shall apply to ships entitled to fly the flag of States the Governments of which are Contracting Governments International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

Article III

Laws, regulations

The Contracting Governments undertake to communicate to and deposit with the Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization ^① (hereinafter referred to as "the Organization"):

(a) a list of non-governmental agencies which are authorized to act in their behalf in the administration of measures for safety of life at sea for circulation to the Contracting Governments for the information of their officers;

(b) the text of laws, decrees, orders and regulations which shall have been promulgated on the various matters within the scope of the present Convention;

(c) a sufficient number of specimens of their certificates issued under the provisions of the

^① The name of the Organization was changed to "International Maritime Organization" (IMO) by virtue of amendments to the Organization's (convention which entered into force on 22 May 1982.

present Convention for circulation to the Contracting Governments for the information of their officers.

Article IV

Cases of force majeure

(a) A ship, which is not subject to the provisions of the present Convention at the time of its departure on any voyage, shall not become subject to the provisions of the present Convention on account of any deviation from its intended voyage due to stress of weather or any other case of force majeure.

(b) Persons who are on board a ship by reason of force majeure or in consequence of the obligation laid upon the master to carry shipwrecked or other persons shall not be taken into account for the purpose of ascertaining the application to a ship of any provisions of the present Convention.

Article V

Carriage of persons in emergency

(a) For the purpose of evacuating persons in order to avoid a threat to the security of their lives a Contracting Government may permit the carriage of a larger number of persons in its ships than is otherwise permissible under the present Convention.

(b) Such permission shall not deprive other Contracting Governments of any right of control under the present Convention over such ships which come within their ports.

(c) Notice of any such permission, together with a statement of the circumstances, shall be sent to the Secretary-General of the Organization by the Contracting Government granting such permission.

Article VI

Prior treaties and conventions

(a) As between the Contracting Governments, the present Convention replaces and abrogates the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea which was signed in London on 17 June 1960.

(b) All other treaties, conventions and arrangements relating to safety of life at sea, or matters appertaining thereto, at present in force between Governments parties to the present Convention shall continue to have full and complete effect during the terms thereof as regards:

(i) ships to which the present Convention does not apply;

(ii) ships to which the present Convention applies, in respect of matters for which it has not expressly provided.

(c) To the extent, however, that such treaties, conventions or arrangements conflict with the provisions of the present Convention, the provisions of the present Convention shall prevail.

(d) All matters which are not expressly provided for in the present Convention remain subject to the legislation of the Contracting Governments.

Article VII

Special rules drawn up by agreement

When in accordance with the present Convention special rules are drawn up by agreement between all or some of the Contracting Governments, such rules shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Organization for circulation to all Contracting Governments.

Article VIII

Amendments

(a) The present Convention may be amended by either of the procedures specified in the following paragraphs.

(b) Amendments after consideration within the Organization:

- (i) Any amendment proposed by a Contracting Government shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Organization, who shall then circulate it to all Members of the Organization and all Contracting Governments at least six months prior to its consideration.
- (ii) Any amendment proposed and circulated as above shall be referred to the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization for consideration.
- (iii) Contracting Governments of States, whether or not Members of the Organization, shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Maritime Safety Committee for the consideration and adoption of amendments.
- (iv) Amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the Maritime Safety Committee expanded as provided for in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (hereinafter referred to as "the expanded Maritime Safety Committee") on condition that at least one third of the Contracting Governments shall be present at the time of voting.
- (v) Amendments adopted in accordance with subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the Organization to all Contracting Governments for acceptance.
- (vi) (1) An amendment to an article of the Convention or to chapter I of the annex shall be deemed to have been accepted on the date on which it is accepted by two thirds of the Contracting Governments.
 - (2) An amendment to the annex other than chapter I shall be deemed to have been accepted:
 - (aa) at the end of two years from the date on which it is communicated to Contracting Governments for acceptance; or
 - (bb) at the end of a different period, which shall not be less than one year, if so determined at the time of its adoption by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the expanded Maritime Safety Committee.

However, if within the specified period either more than one third of Con-

tracting Governments, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, notify the Secretary-General of the Organization that they object to the amendment, it shall be deemed not to have been accepted.

(vii) (1) An amendment to an article of the Convention or to chapter I of the annex shall enter into force with respect to those Contracting Governments which have accepted it, six months after the date on which it is deemed to have been accepted, and with respect to each Contracting Government which accepts it after that date, six months after the date of that Contracting Government's acceptance.

(2) An amendment to the annex other than chapter I shall enter into force with respect to all Contracting Governments, except those which have objected to the amendment under subparagraph (vi) (2) of this paragraph and which have not withdrawn such objections, six months after the date on which it is deemed to have been accepted. However, before the date set for entry into force, any Contracting Government may give notice to the Secretary-General of the Organization that it exempts itself from giving effect to that amendment for a period not longer than one year from the date of its entry into force, or for such longer period as may be determined by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the expanded Maritime Safety Committee at the time of the adoption of the amendment.

(c) Amendment by a Conference:

(i) Upon the request of a Contracting Government concurred in by at least one third of the Contracting Governments, the Organization shall convene a Conference of Contracting Governments to consider amendments to the present Convention.

(ii) Every amendment adopted by such a Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the Organization to all Contracting Governments for acceptance.

(iii) Unless the Conference decides otherwise, the amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted and shall enter into force in accordance with the procedures specified in subparagraphs (b) (vi) and (b) (vii) respectively of this article, provided that references in these paragraphs to the expanded Maritime Safety Committee shall be taken to mean references to the Conference.

(d) (i) A Contracting Government which has accepted an amendment to the annex which has entered into force shall not be obliged to extend the benefit of the present Convention in respect of the certificates issued to a ship entitled to fly the flag of a State the Government of which, pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (b) (vi) (2) of this article, has objected to the amendment and has not withdrawn such an objection, but only to the extent that such certificates relate to matters covered by the amendment in question.

(ii) A Contracting Government which has accepted an amendment to the annex which has entered into force shall extend the benefit of the present Convention in respect of the certificates issued to a ship entitled to fly the flag of a State the Government of which, pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (b) (vii) (2) of this article,

has notified the Secretary-General of the Organization that it exempts itself from giving effect to the amendment.

(e) Unless expressly provided otherwise, any amendment to the present Convention made under this article, which relates to the structure of a ship, shall apply only to ships the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction, on or after the date on which the amendment enters into force.

(f) Any declaration of acceptance of, or objection to, an amendment or any notice given under subparagraph (b)(vii)(2) of this article shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General of the Organization, who shall inform all Contracting Governments of any such submission and the date of its receipt.

(g) The Secretary-General of the Organization shall inform all Contracting Governments of any amendments which enter into force under this article, together with the date on which each such amendment enters into force.

Article IX

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

(a) The present Convention shall remain open for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 1 November 1974 until 1 July 1975 and shall thereafter remain open for accession States may become parties to the present Convention by:

(i) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(ii) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(iii) accession.

(b) Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General of the Organization.

(c) The Secretary-General of the Organization shall inform the Governments of all States which have signed the present Convention or acceded to it of any signature or of the deposit of any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession and the date of its deposit.

Article X

Entry into force

(a) The present Convention shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than twenty-five States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have become parties to it in accordance with article IX.

(b) Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the date on which the present Convention enters into force shall take effect three months after the date of deposit.

(c) After the date on which an amendment to the present Convention is deemed to have

been accepted under article VIII, any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited shall apply to the Convention as amended.

Article XI

Denunciation

(a) The present Convention may be denounced by any Contracting Government at any time after the expiry of five years from the date on which the Convention enters into force for that Government.

(b) Denunciation shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of denunciation with the Secretary-General of the Organization who shall notify all the other Contracting Governments of any instrument of denunciation received and of the date of its receipt as well as the date on which such denunciation takes effect.

(c) A denunciation shall take effect one year, or such longer period as may be specified in the instrument of denunciation, after its receipt by the Secretary-General of the Organization.

Article XII

Deposit and registration

(a) The present Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Organization who shall transmit certified true copies thereof to the Governments of all States which have signed the present Convention or acceded to it.

(b) As soon as the present Convention enters into force, the text shall be transmitted by the Secretary-General of the Organization to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration and publication, in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article XIII

Languages

The present Convention is established in a single copy in the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic. Official translations in the Arabic, German and Italian languages shall be prepared and deposited with the signed original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, ^① being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose, have signed the present Convention.

DONE AT LONDON this first day of November one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four.

^① Signatures omitted

**Articles of the Protocol of 1978 relating to
the International Convention for
the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974**

THE PARTIES TO THE PRESENT PROTOCOL,

BEING PARTIES to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, done at London on 1 November 1974,

RECOGNIZING the significant contribution which can be made by the above-mentioned Convention to the promotion of the safety of ships and property at sea and the lives of persons on board,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the need to improve further the safety of ships, particularly tankers, **CONSIDERING** that this objective may best be achieved by the conclusion of a Protocol relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article I

General obligations

The Parties to the present Protocol undertake to give effect to the provisions of the present Protocol and the annex hereto which shall constitute an integral part of the present Protocol. Every reference to the present Protocol constitutes at the same time a reference to the annex hereto.

Article II

Application

1. The provisions of articles II, III (other than paragraph (a)), IV, VI(b), (c) and (d), VII and VIII of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"), are incorporated in the present Protocol, provided that references in those articles to the Convention and to Contracting Governments shall be taken to mean references to the present Protocol and to the Parties to the present Protocol, respectively.
2. Any ship to which the present Protocol applies shall comply with the provisions of the Convention, subject to the modifications and additions set out in the present Protocol.
3. With respect to the ships of non-parties to the Convention and the present Protocol, the Parties to the present Protocol shall apply the requirements of the Convention and the present Protocol as may be necessary to ensure that no more favourable treatment is given to such ships.

Article III

Communication of information

The Parties to the present Protocol undertake to communicate to, and deposit with, the Secretary-General of the inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization^① (hereinafter referred to as "the Organization"), a list of nominated surveyors or recognized organizations which are authorized to act on their behalf in the administration of measures for safety of life at sea for circulation to the Parties for information of their officers. The Administration shall therefore notify the Organization of the specific responsibilities and conditions of the authority delegated to the nominated surveyors or recognized organizations.

Article IV

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

1. The present Protocol shall be open for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 1 June 1978 to 1 March 1979 and shall thereafter remain open for accession. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this article, States may become Parties to the present Protocol by:

- (a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or
- (b) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or
- (c) accession.

2. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General of the Organization.

3. The present Protocol may be signed without reservation, ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to only by States which have signed without reservation, ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Convention.

Article V

Entry into force

1. The present Protocol shall enter into force six months after the date on which not less than fifteen States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have become Parties to it in accordance with article IV of the present Protocol, provided however that the present Protocol shall not enter into force before the Convention has entered into force.

2. Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the date on which the present Protocol enters into force shall take effect three months after the date of deposit.

3. After the date on which an amendment to the present Protocol is deemed to have been accepted under article VIII of the Convention, any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited shall apply to the present Protocol as amended.

Article VI

^① The name of the Organization was changed to the "International Maritime Organization" by virtue of amendments to the Organization's Convention which entered into force on 22 May 1982.

Denunciation

1. The present Protocol may be denounced by any Party at any time after the expiry of five years from the date on which the present Protocol enters into force for that Party.
2. Denunciation shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of denunciation with the Secretary-General of the Organization.
3. A denunciation shall take effect one year, or such longer period as may be specified in the instrument of denunciation, after its receipt by the Secretary-General of the Organization.
4. A denunciation of the Convention by a Party shall be deemed to be a denunciation of the present Protocol by that Party.

Article VII

Depositary

1. The present Protocol shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Organization (hereinafter referred to as "the Depositary").
2. The Depositary shall:
 - (a) inform all States which have signed the present Protocol or acceded thereto of:
 - (i) each new signature or deposit of an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, together with the date thereof;
 - (ii) the date of entry into force of the present Protocol;
 - (iii) the deposit of any instrument of denunciation of the present Protocol together with the date on which it was received and the date on which the denunciation takes effect;
 - (b) transmit certified true copies of the present Protocol to all States which have signed the present Protocol or acceded thereto.
3. As soon as the present Protocol enters into force, a certified true copy thereof shall be transmitted by the Depositary to the Secretariat of the United Nations for registration and publication in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article VIII

Languages

The present Protocol is established in a single original in the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic. Official translations in the Arabic, German and Italian languages shall be prepared and deposited with the signed original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned^① being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose have signed the present Protocol.

DONE AT LONDON this seventeenth day of February one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.

^① Signatures omitted.