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**COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW CONVENTION
AND THE STCW CODE**

Review of STCW regulation I/2

Submitted by Sri Lanka

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document is in response to the invitation by STW 38 to review STCW regulation I/2 with a view to preventing use of fraudulent certificates

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related document: STW 38/17

1 STW 38 endorsed the list of areas in the STCW Convention and the STCW Code identified for the comprehensive review (STW 38/17, paragraph 12.156 and annex 11), and invited the Committee to approve it and instruct the Sub-Committee to undertake the proposed review accordingly in a systematic and organized manner.

2 STCW regulation I/2 was one of the regulations identified for review to prevent the use of fraudulent certificates. Sri Lanka has reviewed this regulation and proposes amendments to this regulation as set out in annex.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

3 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided and take action as appropriate.

ANNEX

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION I/2

Regulation I/2***Certificates and endorsements***

1 Certificates shall be in the official language or languages of the issuing country. If the language used is not English, the text shall include a translation into that language.

2 In respect of radio operators, Parties may:

- .1 include the additional knowledge required by the relevant regulations in the examination for the issue of a certificate complying with the Radio Regulations; or
- .2 issue a separate certificate indicating that the holder has the additional knowledge required by the relevant regulations.

3 The endorsement required by article VI of the Convention to attest the issue of a certificate shall only be issued if all the requirements of the Convention have been complied with.

4 At the discretion of a Party, endorsements may be incorporated in the format of the certificates being issued as provided for in section A-I/2 of the STCW Code. If so incorporated, the form used shall be that set forth in section A-I/2, paragraph 1. If issued otherwise, the form of endorsements used shall be that set forth in paragraph 2 of that section.

5 An Administration which recognizes a certificate under regulation I/10 shall endorse such certificate to attest its recognition **only after verification of the authenticity and validity of the certificate**. The endorsement shall only be issued if all requirements of the Convention have been complied with. The form of the endorsement used shall be that set forth in paragraph 3 of section A-I/2 of the STCW Code.

6 The endorsements referred to in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5:

- .1 may be issued as separate documents;
- .2 shall be issued by the flag Administration only;**
- .23** shall each be assigned a unique number, except that endorsements attesting the issue of a certificate may be assigned the same number as the certificate concerned, provided that number is unique; and
- .34** shall expire as soon as the certificate endorsed expires or is withdrawn, suspended or cancelled by the Party which issued it and, in any case, not more than five years after their date of issue.

7 The capacity in which the holder of a certificate is authorized to serve shall be identified in the form of endorsement in terms identical to those used in the applicable safe manning requirements of the Administration.

8 Administrations may use a format different from the format given in section A-I/2 of the STCW Code, provided that, as a minimum, the required information is provided in Roman characters and Arabic figures, taking into account the variations permitted under section A-I/2.

9 Subject to the provisions of regulation I/10, paragraph 5, any certificate required by the Convention must be kept available in its original form on board the ship on which the holder is serving.

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