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**84<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE IMO MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Reference: IHB CL 90/2007 dated 16 October 2007

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The 84<sup>th</sup> session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) was held at the newly refurbished IMO Headquarters Building in London. Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS and Stephen SHIPMAN represented the IHO.

2 The report of COMSAR12 (COMSAR12/15 - available from the IHO web site) was not discussed due to the close proximity of the two meetings, this will be considered at MSC 85 in November / December 2008. Urgent items emanating from NAV 53 were considered at MSC 83 in October 2007 as reported at the reference. The remaining items emanating from NAV 53 were considered at this 84<sup>th</sup> session. In this context MSC 84 took the following actions:

- Noted the progress on the development of carriage requirements for a bridge navigational watch alarm system;
- Approved an MSC Circular on Guidelines for the installation of shipborne radar equipment;
- Noted and endorsed the progress made on the development of and e-navigation strategy;
- Noted the progress made in the development of carriage requirement for ECDIS;
- Approved the issue of an MSC Circular on the Unified interpretations of COLREGs as guidance when applying relevant provisions of COLREGs to vessels constructed on or after 1 January 2009; and
- Approved the issue of an MSC Circular on Prevention of maritime accidents due to driftwood.

3 The full report of MSC 84 (MSC84/24), when issued, will be available from the IHO web site.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Maratos', written over a horizontal line.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President