

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA

PREAMBLE

The Governments of Germany, the Commonwealth of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Spain, the Irish Free State, the United States of America, Finland, France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, India, Italy, Japan, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics; being desirous of promoting safety of life at sea by establishing in common agreement uniform principles and rules directed thereto;

Considering that this end may best be achieved by the conclusion of a Convention;

Have appointed their Plenipotentiaries, namely:

The Government of Germany:

- Dr. Friedrich STHAMER, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the German Reich in London.
- Mr. Gustav KOENIGS, Ministerialdirigent in the Reichsverkehrsministerium, Geheimer Regierungsrat, Berlin.
- Mr. Arthur WERNER, Oberregierungsrat in the Reichsverkehrsministerium, Geheimer Justizrat, Berlin.
- Mr. Walter LAAS, Professor, Director of the "Germanischer Lloyd" Classification Society, Berlin.
- Dr. Otto RIESS, Director ret. of the Reichsschiffsvermessungsamt, Geheimer Regierungsrat, Neubrandenburg.
- Mr. Herman GIESS, Ministerialrat in the Reichspostministerium, Berlin.
- Vice-Admiral Hugo DOMINIK, President of the "Deutsche Seewarte," Hamburg.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia:

- Captain Henry James FEAKES, Royal Australian Navy, Commonwealth Naval Representative in London.
- Lieut.-Commander Thomas FREE, Royal Naval Reserve (Retired).
- Captain J. K. DAVIS, Commonwealth Director of Navigation.

The Government of Belgium:

- Baron DE GERLACHE DE GOMERY, Director-General of the Marine Department.
- Mr. Gustave DE WINNE, Ingénieur en Chef, Director of the Marine Department.
- Mr. Georges GOOR, Adviser to the Marine Department.

The Government of Canada:

- Mr. Alexander JOHNSTON, Deputy Minister of Marine.
- Mr. Lucien PACAUD, Secretary in the Office of the Canadian High Commissioner in London.