

RESOLUTION MSC.386(94)

(adopted on 21 November 2014)

**AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO article VIII(b) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 ("the Convention"), concerning the amendment procedure applicable to the annex to the Convention, other than to the provisions of chapter I,

RECOGNIZING the need to provide a mandatory framework for ships operating in polar waters due to the additional demands on ships, their systems and operation, which go beyond the existing requirements of the Convention, and other relevant binding IMO instruments,

NOTING resolution MSC.385(94), by which the Committee adopted the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) with respect to its provisions for safety,

NOTING ALSO that the Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its sixty-seventh session, approved with a view to adoption, at its sixty-eighth session, amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978, and that it will also consider for adoption the environmental protection provisions of the Polar Code,

NOTING FURTHER the proposed amendments to the Convention to make use of the safety provisions of the Polar Code mandatory,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its ninety-fourth session, amendments to the Convention, proposed and circulated in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) thereof,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the said amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016, unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Secretary-General of the Organization their objections to the amendments;

3 INVITES SOLAS Contracting Governments to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;