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The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to invite representation by observers to the International Conference on the safety of fishing vessels.

The Conference will be held **at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Convention Square, 1 Lower Long Street, Cape Town, South Africa**, from 9 to 11 October 2012. The opening session of the Conference will commence at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 9 October 2012 and the Conference is expected to finish on Thursday, 11 October 2012.

The provisional agenda (SFV-P/CONF.1/1) and the provisional Rules of Procedures of the Conference (SFV-P/CONF.1/2) are enclosed herewith.

The Conference will use as the basis for its deliberations the text of the draft Agreement on the implementation of the 1993 Protocol relating to the 1977 Torremolinos Convention on the Safety of Fishing Vessels, as approved by the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-ninth session, which is also enclosed herewith (SFV-P/CONF.1/3).

Other documentation for the Conference will be circulated in due course.

### **Submission of documents**

Interested organizations are invited to communicate any comments, observations or suggestions they may have on the draft Agreement and related documentation to the Secretary-General – to be received as soon as possible and, in any case, **not later than 29 June 2012** to enable their early circulation to the Governments and organizations invited to the Conference for their consideration.

### **Registration and security**

Interested organizations are required to transmit, prior to the Conference opening date, **a full list of their observers**, so that their particulars may be entered into the list of participants database for purposes of registration and security, via the Online Meeting Registration System (OMRS), as advised in Circular letter No.3251. The list, which serves as authorization to attend, must be on official letter-headed paper and signed by the responsible officer of the organization concerned. It is imperative that the information thus requested is forwarded to IMO well in advance of the opening of the Conference and any effort to provide it before **29 June 2012** will be greatly appreciated.

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No observer will be registered without such evidence of authorization to attend the Conference. Observers whose names appear on the aforementioned list will be issued with the requisite pass. Observers whose names are not on the list will be requested to provide evidence of their authorization to attend the Conference.

All observers will also be required, at registration, to show their passport. Further information related to the organization of the Conference and arrangements for visas will be circulated in due course.

19 March 2012

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