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**PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF
UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION**

Ratification and Notification by Finland

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation and to state that, in accordance with article 17(3), ratification by the Republic of Finland was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 26 May 2020.

The Protocol will enter into force for Finland on 24 August 2020, in accordance with article 18(2) of the Protocol.

The instrument of ratification contained the following declaration:

"In accordance with article 21, paragraph 3 of the 2005 Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, Finland declares that it will apply the provisions of article 3^{ter} of the Convention, as amended by the 2005 Protocol, in accordance with the principles of its criminal law concerning family exemptions of liability."

Notification

Pursuant to article 8^{bis}, paragraph 15 of the Protocol, Finland notifies that the national authority designated as the contact point to receive and respond to requests for assistance is as follows:

Maritime Rescue Co-Ordination Centre Turku (MRCC)
SAR Point of Contact
West Finland Coast Guard District
Postal address: P.O. Box 16, 20101 Turku, Finland
Phone: +358 294 1001
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There are, at present, 51 Contracting States to the Protocol.