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**ADDRESSING THE YEAR 2000 PROBLEM: CO-OPERATION  
WITHIN MANDATORY SHIP REPORTING SYSTEMS**

1 Pursuant to MSC/Circ. 868 of 27 May 1998 on the Year 2000 problem, the Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventieth session (7 to 11 December 1998), recognizing the importance of ships participating in mandatory ship reporting systems notifying the respective authorities on the preparedness of ships with regard to the Year 2000 (Y2K) problem, further considered the need for the maritime industry to address the Y2K problem.

2 The Committee was of the opinion that there is a need for ships participating in mandatory ship reporting systems to inform, if so requested, the relevant authorities on the status of their Y2K readiness. The aim of reporting such information is to allow the coastal States to improve awareness among the shipping community in order for them to be more prepared to take action in the event of any failure. This information required of ships will be obtained by the promulgation of local notices to mariners by the concerned coastal States.

3 Member Governments are invited to bring this matter to the attention of shipping companies, shipowners, ship operators, shipmasters and other interested parties of the shipping industry and to request them to co-operate with the relevant authorities with regard to providing information on the state of Y2K readiness.

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