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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR FISHING VESSEL PERSONNEL (STCW-F), 1995**

**Officer in charge of an engineering watch and engineering
watchkeeping provisions**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-second session (17 to 26 May 2000), having been made aware by the Joint FAO/ILO/IMO Working Group on Fishermen's Training of the absence of requirements for officers in charge of an engineering watch and engineering watchkeeping provisions in the 1995 STCW-F Convention agreed that, after the STCW-F Convention enters into force and pending the entry into force of any relevant amendments, Parties to the Convention should ensure that officers in charge of an engineering watch on fishing vessels powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 Kw or more, hold at least:

- .1 a certificate of competency as second engineer officer of a fishing vessel issued in accordance with regulation II/5 of the STCW-F Convention; or
- .2 a certificate of competency as officer in charge of an engineering watch in a manned engine-room or designated duty engineer in a periodically unmanned engine-room issued in accordance with regulation III/1 or VII/1 of the STCW Convention 1978, as amended.

2 The Maritime Safety Committee recalled the recommendation in Assembly resolution A.622 (15) – Basic principles to be observed in keeping an engineering watch on board fishing vessels and urged Member Governments to implement the measures contained therein.

3 Member Governments are invited to take account of the above when implementing the requirements for officer in charge of an engineering watch and engineering watchkeeping provisions on fishing vessels under their national regulations.