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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION  
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978**

**Communication received from the Government of the Hellenic Republic**

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith a communication received from the Government of the Hellenic Republic, as set out in the annex.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

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ANNEX



HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
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TO: HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
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**SUBJECT: "Communication of information under the provisions of Article IV & Regulation I/7 and I/8 of the International Convention STCW 1978, as amended- the incorporation the MSC Resolution 560 (108)".**

Your Excellency,

Please find attached a communication to be published by your esteemed Office regarding the incorporation of the **MSC Resolution 560 (108)** into the Hellenic Republic's national Legal framework by the No. B' 5352/08.10.2025 Official Governmental Gazette, incorporating the standards arising from the provisions of the aforementioned Resolution.

In compliance with the above IMO Resolution, the Hellenic Republic, has revised its approved Basic Training Course and the relative requirements have been integrated into the training curricula of the Hellenic Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) for Basic Training Certification. The implementation of the provisions of the MSC 560(108) Resolution comes into force on the 1st January 2026, when all seafarers, who will attend the revised Basic Training **from 1/1/2026 and onwards**, will be certified with a Certificate of Basic Training, complying thus with the new provisions.

Basic Training Certificates issued **prior** to this date will remain valid until their expiration. Greek Seafarers - holders of Basic Training Certificates - will be trained in the new competence of Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities in the refreshment training course of all basic training for Chapter VI, which Seafarers undertake mandatorily, prior for the renewal of their Certificates of Competency.

In this respect, Greece respectfully requests you to circulate the attached document.

The Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy of the Hellenic Republic and the Hellenic Coast Guard avail themselves of this opportunity to renew the assurances of their highest consideration

Yours sincerely,

The Secretary General of Maritime Affairs and Ports



Dr. Evangelos Kyriazopoulos

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Communication by GREECE (p. 01)



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC**  
**MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS AND INSULAR POLICY**  
**HELLENIC COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS**  
**GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR SHIPPING**

**Piraeus , 30 December 2025**  
**Ref. no.: 2060.0/93595/2025**

**COMMUNICATION BY GREECE**

**SUBJECT: "INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW) 1978- IMPLEMENTATION OF MSC 560 (108)."**

Please be informed of the incorporation of the MSC Resolution 560 (108) into the Hellenic Republic's national Legal framework by the No. B' 5352/08.10.2025 Official Governmental Gazette, incorporating the descriptions of the following areas of professional knowledge and skills:

"Competence, Knowledge, Understanding and Proficiency (KUP), methods for demonstrating competence and criteria for evaluating competence regarding contributing to the prevention of and response to violence and harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and sexual assault."

In compliance with the above IMO Resolution, the Hellenic Republic, has revised its approved Basic Training Course and the aforementioned requirements have been integrated into the training curricula of the Hellenic Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) for Basic Training Certification. The practical implementation of the standards arising from the provisions of the MSC 560(108) Resolution comes into force on the 1st January 2026. All seafarers, who will attend the revised Basic Training **from 1/1/2026 and onwards**, will be certified with a Certificate of Basic Training, complying thus with the new provisions.

Basic Training Certificates issued **prior** to this date will remain valid until their expiration. Greek Seafarers already joining seagoing vessels and holders of Basic Training Certificates or those who will join seagoing vessels from 1/1/2026 will continue to carry their Certificates until their expiry date. The aforementioned seafarers will be trained in the new competence of Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities in the refreshment training course of all basic training for Chapter VI, which Seafarers undertake mandatorily, prior for the renewal of their Certificates of Competency.

**The Secretary General of Maritime Affairs and Ports**

**Dr. Evangelos Kyriazopoulos**

