



INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE
LEGAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP
ON THE REVIEW OF THE CONVENTION
FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL
ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF
MARITIME NAVIGATION, 1988, AND ITS
PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO
FIXED PLATFORMS LOCATED ON THE
CONTINENTAL SHELF (1988 SUA
CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL)
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**REVIEW OF THE DRAFT PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE
SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME
NAVIGATION, 1988 (1988 SUA CONVENTION)**

**Comments on the draft preamble, draft article 2, draft article 4,
and draft article 7 in the Annex**

**Submitted by the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the International Shipping
Federation (ISF) and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU)**

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document relates to the draft protocol to the 1988 SUA Convention annexed to document LEG/SUA/WG.2/2/1, in particular the draft preamble, draft article 2, draft article 4, and draft article 7.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 4

Related documents: LEG/SUA/WG.2/2/1; LEG 89/4/8; LEG 89/4/9; and LEG 89/4/10

1 This document relates to the draft protocol to the 1988 SUA Convention annexed to document LEG/SUA/WG.2/2/1 and, in particular, to the draft preamble, draft article 2 (amended article 1), draft article 4 (article *3bis*), and draft article 7 (article *8bis*) in its Annex.

2 The shipping industry, comprising both ship owners' and seafarers' representatives, reiterates its support, in principle, for the United States Government initiative to strengthen the SUA Convention and its Protocol to combat terrorism and enhance the safety of maritime navigation. The industry has participated constructively throughout the review of the SUA Convention and maintains its commitment to securing an instrument that achieves a balance

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between maritime security considerations, respect for the law of the sea and international human rights law.

3 As many of the issues raised in the shipping industry's joint submissions to the eighty-ninth Session of the Legal Committee remain outstanding, we request that documents LEG 89/4/8; LEG 89/4/9; and LEG 89/4/10 be available for consideration during the Intersessional meeting of the Legal Committee Working Group on the review of the 1988 SUA Convention and Protocol to be held from 31 January 2005 to 4 February 2005.

Action requested of the Working Group

4 The Working Group is invited to take into account the views of the shipping industry when discussing the revision of the SUA Convention.
