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RECOGNITION OF URUGUAYAN CERTIFICATES

AN UNDERTAKING
CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF
TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS FOR
SERVICE ON BELIZE FLAGGED VESSELS

between

THE INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE REGISTRY
OF THE BELIZE C.A.

and

THE URUGUAYAN MARITIME AUTHORITY
(PREFECTURA NACIONAL NAVAL DIRECCION)

on behalf of the

GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY

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RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED

AN AGREEMENT FOR AN UNDERTAKING

1 This Agreement is for the recognition of national certificates and is made under the terms of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended in 1995. This Convention is referred to in this Agreement as "STCW95". This Agreement is made without prejudice to the National Laws of either Party.

2 For the purposes of this Agreement:

- The term "Uruguayan Administration" means the "Uruguayan Maritime Authority (Prefectura Nacional Naval Direccion Registral y de Marina Mercante)" on behalf of the Government of Uruguay, the national body representative of Uruguay in respect of sea transport, marine and port matters"; and
- The term "Belize Administration" means the "International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize C.A.".

3 Having regard to the provisions of Regulation I/10 of STCW95, including the related provisions of the STCW Code, the Parties undertake that:

I. The Uruguayan Administration is the Party whose national certificates are to be recognised, and the Belize Administration is the Party that will provide its Certificates of Endorsement (recognition) as evidence of such recognition.

II. An essential pre-condition to the issue of Certificates of Endorsement by the Belize Administration is compliance by the Uruguayan Administration of the requirements of Regulation I/7 of STCW95 and Section A-I/7 of the STCW Code.

III The Uruguayan Administration shall ensure that the training and assessment of seafarers as required under STCW95 are administered and monitored in accordance with the provisions of Section A-I/6 of the STCW Code and that a register or registers of all certificates and endorsements is maintained and the information will be made

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and the information will be made available as required by Regulation I/9 of STCW95. Similarly, the Uruguayan Administration shall ensure that those who are responsible for and that those who provide such training and assessment are qualified in accordance with the provisions of Section A-I/6 of the STCW Code for the type and level of training or assessment involved.

IV In accordance with Regulation I/10.1.1 of STCW95, the Uruguayan Administration will allow the Belize Administration to undertake periodic inspection of its approved facilities and procedures, and that it will make materials and training facilities available for inspection and review when requested. Similarly, the Uruguayan Administration will allow the Belize Administration to have access to the results of the quality standards evaluations conducted in accordance with Regulation I/8 of STCW95.

V The Uruguayan Administration will notify the Belize Administration within ninety (90) days of any significant change in the arrangements for training and certification applied under its Administration in accordance with STCW95, and in particular Regulation I/10.1.2. The significant changes include:

- (a) changes in the contact details of the official responsible for authentication checks;
- (b) changes affecting the procedures set forth in this Undertaking; and
- (c) changes that amount to substantial differences from the information communicated to the Secretary-General pursuant to Section A-I/7 of the STCW Code.

VI The Uruguayan Administration acknowledges that endorsements issued by it in recognition of a certificate issued by another Party, will not be accorded further recognition by the Belize Administration under the provisions of Regulation I/10.6 of STCW95.

VII Seafarers whose certificates are to be recognized at the management level are required by the Belize Administration to acquire an appropriate

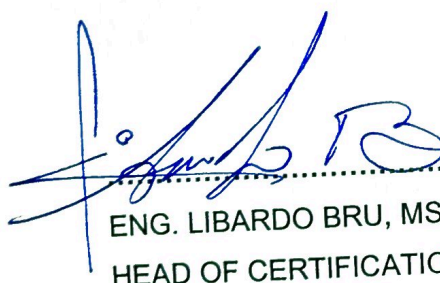
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knowledge of the maritime legislation of the Belize Administration relevant to the functions they are permitted to perform.

VIII Where the Belize Administration withdraws its recognition of a certificate issued by the Uruguayan Administration for disciplinary reasons, the Belize Administration shall inform the Uruguayan Administration of the circumstances of such withdrawals.

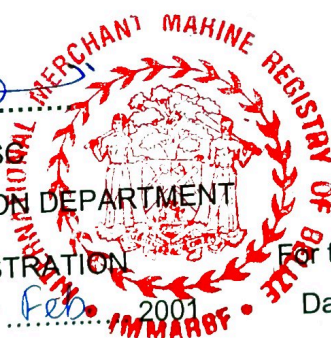
4 This Undertaking binds both Parties on the date of execution of this Undertaking by the Belize Administration and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years.

5 Either Party may terminate this Undertaking at any time by giving written notice of at least twelve (12) months prior to the date on which it intends that the Undertaking will cease to be in force. Unless notice of termination has been given by either Party at least twelve (12) months before the date of its expiration, this Undertaking shall be automatically extended for successive periods of five (5) years, each Party reserving the right to terminate the Undertaking upon notice of at least twelve (12) months.


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For the BELIZE ADMINISTRATION

Dated this 6 day of Feb. 2001





For the URUGUAYAN ADMINISTRATION

Dated this 14 day of MARCH 2001