ARTICLE 20
Depositary

1 This Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General, who shall transmit certified copies of this Convention to all States which have signed this Convention or acceded thereto.

2 In addition to the functions specified elsewhere in this Convention, the Secretary-General shall:

.1 inform all States that have signed this Convention, or acceded thereto, of:

1.1 each new signature or deposit of an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, together with the date thereof;

1.2 the date of entry into force of this Convention;

1.3 the deposit of any instrument of denunciation from this Convention, together with the date on which it was received and the date on which the denunciation takes effect; and

1.4 other declarations and notifications received pursuant to this Convention; and

.2 as soon as this Convention enters into force, transmit the text thereof to the Secretariat of the United Nations, for registration and publication in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

ARTICLE 21
Languages

This Convention is established in a single original in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

DONE AT HONG KONG, CHINA, this fifteenth day of May, two thousand and nine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose, have signed this Convention.

ANNEX

REGULATIONS FOR SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS

CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Regulation 1 – Definitions

For the purposes of this Annex:

1 “Competent person” means a person with suitable qualifications, training, and sufficient knowledge, experience and skill, for the performance of the specific work. Specifically, a Competent person may be a trained worker or a managerial employee capable of recognizing and evaluating occupational hazards, risks, and employee exposure to potentially Hazardous Materials or unsafe conditions in a Ship Recycling Facility, and who is capable of specifying the necessary protection and precautions to be taken to eliminate or reduce those hazards, risks, or exposures. The Competent Authority may define appropriate criteria for the designation of such persons and may determine the duties to be assigned to them.

2 “Employer” means a natural or legal person that employs one or more workers engaged in Ship Recycling.

3 “Existing ship” means a ship which is not a new ship.

4 “New ship” means a ship:

.1 for which the building contract is placed on or after the entry into force of this Convention; or

.2 in the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after six months after the entry into force of this Convention; or

.3 the delivery of which is on or after 30 months after the entry into force of this Convention.

5 “New installation” means the installation of systems, equipment, insulation, or other material on a ship after the date on which this Convention enters into force.

6 “Safe-for-entry” means a space that meets the following criteria:

.1 the oxygen content of the atmosphere and the concentration of flammable vapours are within safe limits;

.2 any toxic materials in the atmosphere are within permissible concentrations; and