2 Every candidate for certification shall:

.1 be not less than 18 years of age;

.2 have completed 12 months of combined workshop skills training and approved seagoing service of which not less than six months must be served on board fishing vessels or fishing training vessels as part of an approved training programme which includes onboard training that meets the requirements of section A-II/5-2 of the STCW-F Code and is documented in an approved training record book; or

.3 have completed 12 months of combined workshop skills training and approved seagoing service of which not less than six months must be served on ships or training ships being operated in accordance with the 1978 STCW Convention as part of an approved training programme which includes onboard training that meets the requirements of section A-II/5-2 of the STCW-F Code and is documented in an approved training record book; or

.4 have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months in the engine-room. However, the Administration may allow, as deemed necessary, the substitution of up to six months of the seagoing service by a period of special training such as workshop skills training, provided that the special training programme is equivalent in value to the period of the required seagoing service it substitutes; and

.5 meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/5-2 of the STCW-F Code.

3 The Party may vary the requirements for standard of competence and seagoing service for officers of fishing vessels engaged in voyages in limited waters bearing in mind the power of the propulsion machinery and the effect on the safety of all fishing vessels which may be operating in the same waters.

4 Training to achieve the necessary theoretical knowledge and practical experience shall take into account relevant international regulations and recommendations.

Regulation II/6
Mandatory minimum requirements for certification of GMDSS radio operators on board fishing vessels

Explanatory note

Mandatory provisions relating to radio watchkeeping are set forth in the Radio Regulations and in the 2012 Cape Town Agreement. Provisions for radio maintenance are set forth in the 2012 Cape Town Agreement. The referred provisions are mandatory in the Radio Regulations and will be mandatory in the 2012 Cape Town Agreement when it enters into force.

Application

1 Except as provided in paragraph 2, the provisions of this regulation shall apply to radio operators on fishing vessels operating within the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) as prescribed by the international conventions.

2 Radio operators on fishing vessels that are not required to comply with the provisions of the GMDSS are not required to meet the provisions of this regulation, but are nevertheless required to comply with the Radio Regulations. The Administration shall ensure that the appropriate certificates as prescribed by the Radio Regulations are issued or recognized in respect of such radio operators.

Mandatory minimum requirements for certification of GMDSS radio operators

1 Every person in charge of or performing radiocommunication duties on a fishing vessel operating within the GMDSS shall hold an appropriate certificate related to the GMDSS, issued or recognized by the Administration under the provisions of the Radio Regulations.

2 In addition, every candidate for certification of competency under this regulation for service on a fishing vessel required by the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol or the 2012 Cape Town Agreement, when in force, to have a radio installation, shall:

.1 be not less than 18 years of age; and

.2 have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/6 of the STCW-F Code.

3 For endorsement of all types of certificates issued under the provisions of the Radio Regulations as meeting the requirements of the Convention, the required knowledge, understanding and proficiency is given in section A-II/6 of the STCW-F Code. In determining the appropriate level of knowledge and training the Party shall also take into account the relevant recommendations in section B-II/6 of the STCW-F Code.

Regulation II/7
Revalidation of certificates for skippers and officers

1 Every skipper and officer holding a certificate issued or recognized under this chapter of the Convention who is serving at sea or intends to return to sea after a period ashore shall, in order to continue to qualify for seagoing service, be required, at intervals not exceeding five years, to:

.1 meet the standards of medical fitness prescribed in regulation I/12; and

.2 establish continued professional competence in accordance with section A-II/7 of the STCW-F Code.

2 Each Party shall compare the standards of competence which it required of candidates for certificates issued before 1 January 2031 with those specified for the appropriate certificate in part A of the STCW-F Code, and shall determine the need for requiring the holders of such certificates to undergo appropriate refresher and updating training or assessment.

3 The Party shall, in consultation with those concerned, formulate or promote the formulation of a structure of refresher and updating courses as provided for in section A-II/7 of the STCW-F Code.

4 For the purpose of updating the knowledge of skippers and officers, each Administration shall ensure that the texts of recent changes in national and international regulations concerning the safety of life at sea, and the protection of the marine environment are made available to fishing vessels entitled to fly its flag.