

Agreed Minutes

In accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation, delegations of the two countries held maritime consultations between the Department of Transportation of the United States of America and the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation in St. Petersburg on September 20 and 21, 2006. Delegation lists are attached.

Sean T. Connaughton, Maritime Administrator, Maritime Administration, U. S. Department of Transportation, led the United States delegation.

Alexey Yu. Klyavin, Director, Department of State Policy for Maritime and River Transport, Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, led the Russian delegation.

The summary of the consultations is as follows.

1. The delegations exchanged information on the current state of U.S. and Russian sea transport, including national legislation and basic issues of international shipping.

The delegations noted with satisfaction the progress and prospects in developing bilateral cooperation in the area of maritime transport, including the safety of navigation, port security, marine environment protection, training maritime transport specialists, and ship's classification.

The delegations reconfirmed their readiness to continue and further develop cooperation in the IMO framework and underlined the importance of such cooperation.

The delegations also noted that such cooperation should be based on the principles of international law.

2. The delegations discussed the status of both U.S. and Russian legislation with regard to seafarer's identity documents in the light of the requirements set out in the ILO-185 Convention and expect to inform each other on the progress of this issue in their countries.

3. The delegations discussed the possibilities of visa regime facilitation for Russian seafarers in the United States and expect to continue contacts between the concerned Ministries of the two countries with regard to the issue in question.

The delegations anticipate that their competent authorities will continue discussion of shore leave for crew members, including requirements for escort services for Russian seafarers in the United States.

4. The delegations gave special attention to seaport security, maritime safety and marine environment protection issues.

The delegations noted the efficient bilateral cooperation in ISPS Code implementation, including the sharing of experience during mutual visits to both U.S. and Russian ports and discussed the development of a Memorandum of Understanding in respect of oil spill response by the Joint Russian-U.S. Planning Group.

5. The delegations exchanged opinions on marine education and training and on the realization of the Memorandum of Understanding of cooperation between the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, New York) and the Admiral S. O. Makarov State Maritime Academy (St. Petersburg) and noted their competent authorities' expectation to ensure further cooperation in this field between the concerned organizations of both countries.

6. The delegations discussed possible amendments to the bilateral maritime agreement and expect that their competent authorities will continue the exchange of opinions on this issue and on preparing the relevant wording.

7. The delegations noted the constructive and amicable climate during maritime consultations between the Department of Transportation of the United States of America and the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation and noted their competent authorities' intention to hold the next meeting in the United States at a time and place to be determined.

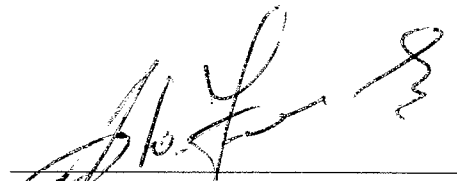
Signed in St. Petersburg on September 21, 2006

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St. Petersburg, Russia, 20-21 September 2006

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