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**“FISHING VESSEL SAFETY”**

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Seafood is a highly sought after and nutritious meal for millions of people across the world and an essential food protein in many developing countries. Fishing is one of the most dangerous professions in the world. It is estimated that thousands of fishers lose their lives every year.

International treaties such as the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) have been in force for many decades for commercial shipping, including cargo and passenger ships. SOLAS includes several regulations which are applicable to all ships, such as its SOLAS chapter V on safety of navigation. However, fishing vessels are exempted from most of the SOLAS regulations, such as construction, machinery and equipment. IMO has been working to address fishing vessel safety for many decades and the 2012 Cape Town Agreement is the final product of this strenuous work covering industrial fishing vessels, which is yet to enter into force.

The Agreement will fill the safety gap while complementing other international instruments, such as the STCW-F Convention of IMO, C.188 of ILO and PSMA of FAO for achieving safe and sustainable fisheries and ensuring decent living and working conditions for fishers at global level.

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