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PROCEDURES FOR REINSTATING SUSPENDED CAPTAINS

The *Resolution on amending the rules for qualified captains pursuant to the AIDCP*, adopted in June 2001, amended the requirements for qualified captains to suspend automatically from the List of Qualified Captains for a period of 3 months any captain with an infraction for the use of explosives with which the relevant Party concurred (AIDCP: Annex IV (III) 4).

The *Procedures for maintaining the AIDCP List of Qualified Captains*, Section 5, adopted in June 2002, state that a disqualified captain shall be reinstated on the List after:

1. He has complied with any sanctions imposed on him by the relevant Party;
2. His reinstatement is requested by a Party; and
3. He has attended an instructional seminar.

According to the above, a suspended captain would need to attend a seminar before being reinstated to the List. However, since such seminars are not held regularly, this requirement could result in a three-month suspension being in effect considerably longer. Also, since both the initiation and the termination of the suspension are automatic, requirement (2) is not necessary and could extend the period of the sanction beyond that intended. The Secretariat therefore proposes that, in the case of such automatic suspensions only, requirements (2) and (3) be waived.

Suspended captains would have to comply with requirement (1), and all other provisions of the procedures.