

35 years of Paris MoU



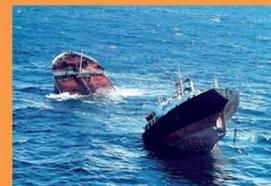
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1978

8 nations bordering the North Sea Signed "**the Hague Memorandum**". It was the first step in bringing port State control inspections into a harmonized environment. The co-operation centered around the **ILO convention 147**

1978

16 March 1978 - the **Amoco Cadiz** ran aground of the coast of Brittany. **68 million** gallons of crude oil was spilled. This created an urgent demand by the public and politicians for action



1982

26 January 1982 - The Memorandum of Understanding on PSC was adopted and signed by **14 maritime Authorities** during the 2nd Ministerial Conference on PSC. The MoU includes 7 relevant instruments

The Netherlands Ministry of Transport provided the Secretariat Paris MoU on PSC

The French Maritime Administration developed the 'information system on inspections' - SIRENaC

1980

2 December 1980 - a Regional European Conference on Maritime Safety was held to establish a Memorandum of understanding on Port State Control. This was the **1st Ministerial Conference on Port State Control**. 14 European nations took part as well as the EC, ILO and IMO. The Memorandum now extended to the IMO conventions

1982

The MoU entered into effect of **1 July 1982**. Signing members: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The **1st PSC Committee meeting** was held in The Hague

1982



Mr. Gerrit Dubbeld appointed as Secretary

1985



Mrs Sylvie Maier joined the Secretariat in 1982 and succeeded Mr. Gerrit Dubbeld in 1985

1986

23 April 1986 - the **3rd Ministerial Conference** was held in The Hague. Theme: 'Safe Ships on Clean Seas'. Other regions in the world were encouraged to take similar steps in the protection of the environment and enhancing the safety at sea

1987



Mr. Henk Huibers succeeded Mrs Sylvie Maier and becomes the 3rd Secretary of the Paris MoU

1987

The **first PSCircular** was issued as a means to encourage more communication between all the PSC inspectors

1989

31 December 1988 - **MARPOL Annex V** entered into force and became a relevant instrument for the Paris MoU on PSC

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1991

14 March 1991 - The 4th Ministerial Conference was held in Paris. Theme: 'Safe Operation of Ships and Pollution Prevention. Introduction of operational control requirements to PSC inspections, addressing the human element. **The first steps towards harmonization of training PSCO's were made.** Further harmonization of inspection procedures were agreed

These efforts resulted in a meeting of the **Working Group on Harmonization (WGH)** to harmonize the detention criteria within the member States

1994

The Maritime Authority of **Canada** joined the Paris MoU

1996

The **MoU Advisory Board (MAB)** was established to form a bridge between EU members, non-EU members and the European Commission. The MAB advises the PSC Committee on matters of strategical and political importance and provides guidance to the Secretariat and Database manager during the year

1998

The **Technical Evaluation Group (TEG)** was established as a preparatory meeting for the PSC Committee, to consider technical issues and proposals from task forces, before the policy discussions during the PSC Committee meeting

1999

The **first Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC)** was launched. Theme was: 'Safety of Pilot Ladders'

2000

First publication of the **'White-Grey-Black-List'**

1992

The Maritime Authority of **Poland** joined the Paris MoU

MARPOL Annex III entered into force and became a relevant instrument for the Paris MoU

1994

14 September 1994 - The 5th Ministerial Conference was held in Copenhagen. Theme: 'A Common Endeavor Against Sub-standard Shipping'. The member States agreed to **implement common procedures for detention**, on publication of information on detained ships and on the geographical scope of the MoU

1996

The Maritime Authority of **the Russian Federation** joined the Paris MoU

1997

The Maritime Authority of **Croatia** joined the Paris MoU

Mr. Richard Schiferli was appointed as Secretary General of the Paris MoU



1998

24 - 25 March 1998 - The **1st Joint Ministerial Conference 'Tightening the Net'** between the Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU was held in Vancouver. The most important outcome of the conference was: the commitment to *'harmonization of various areas of port State control administration and inspection procedures can be achieved on an inter-regional basis. To this end, both Port State Control Committees will keep each other fully informed of all new port State control initiatives undertaken in their respective regions, in order to review whether reciprocal measures can be introduced'*

2000

The Maritime Authority of **Iceland** joined the Paris MoU

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2001

The **detention review panel** was established and it had to consider its first case later that year. To date the review panel handled over 100 cases

2003

The Maritime Authority of **Slovenia** joined the Paris MoU

The first **Specialized Training** on Tankers was organized, in co-operation with the industry

The **Target Factor for ships** was introduced, combining the Generic and Historic factors of a ship to establish a priority for inspection

2004

2 -3 November 2004 - The **2nd Joint Ministerial of Conference** of Paris and Tokyo Memoranda was held in Vancouver. Theme: 'Strengthening the circle of responsibility'. The most important results were the enhancement of inspection and targeting programs; *the development of incentive programs for companies with good safety records; greater transparency to publicly name substandard ship owners and charterers; the ongoing implementation of marine security initiatives; and enhanced regional training programs for PSCO's*



2005

MARPOL Annex VI entered into force and became a relevant instrument for the Paris MoU

The Maritime Authority of **Estonia** joined the Paris MoU

2006

The Maritime Authority of **Cyprus, Lithuania** and **Malta** joined the Paris MoU

2002

The Paris MoU started with the **Expert Training** programs. The first program was aimed at 'The Human Element' (ILO & STCW were the core of the program). The second training focused on 'Safety and Environment' (SOLAS & MARPOL)

2003

MARPOL Annex IV entered into force and became a relevant instrument for the Paris MoU

The Secretariat started with the development of **Distance Learning Modules (DLP)**. The first modules under consideration were on the Paris MoU inspection procedures, STCW, ILO 147 and The Human Element. The first modules became available in 2006

2004

A new code on Security was adopted by the IMO. **The ISPS code**

2005

The Maritime Authority of **Latvia** joined the Paris MoU

A task force on a **New Inspection Regime (NIR)** started working on a risk based approach and to target substandard shipping more effectively and reduce inspection burden on ships that are in compliance with the regulations. Over a period of several years, principles of the NIR have been discussed, amended, revised and finally adopted

The Target Factor was replaced by the **Ship Risk Profile (SRP)**. The SRP classifies ships into Low Risk Ships (LRS), Standard Risk Ship (SRS) and High Risk Ships (HRS). Later this approach was also adopted by the Tokyo MoU and the Black Sea MoU

2006

In June the Paris MoU attended the **IMO Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation (FSI14)** for the first time, in the capacity of an Inter-governmental Organization (IGO)

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2007



The Paris MoU celebrated its **25th anniversary** during the 40th PSC Committee meeting in Bonn, Germany

The Maritime Authority of **Bulgaria** and **Romania** joined the Paris MoU

2012

Although established in 2006 the new ILO harmonized convention, **MLC 2006**, entered into force in **August**. The existing procedures and guidelines dealing with human element needed to be updated



2013

Following the maritime casualty of the **Costa Concordia** the PSC Committee decided to conduct a **Harmonized Verification Program on all passenger ships** coming into the Paris MoU region in the Summer of 2013

2016

From 1 September to 30 November a CIC was conducted on the **Maritime Labour Convention, 2006**

2017



2008

The Secretariat started with the development of a **Quality Management System** according to: ISO9001:2008. The process resulted in the certification of the Secretariat in March 2011



2011

1 January 2011 - **The NIR** entered into force for the Paris MoU member States

The database, with the PSC inspections from the member States, was transferred from SIRENaC to **THETIS**. The parameters that define the NIR are the basis of the new database. THETIS was developed by EMSA in co-operation with the member States and the Secretariat

2013

The first PSCC Instruction for **Ballast Water Management Convention** was adopted by the PSC Committee, with the convention becoming a relevant instrument for Port State Control, during PSCC46

2015

In the aftermath of several serious and fatal accidents the PSC Committee decided to conduct a CIC on **Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry** from 1 September to 30 November

2017

2 - 4 May 2017 - The **3rd Joint Ministerial Conference** of the Paris and Tokyo Memoranda was held in Vancouver, Canada. Theme: 'Safeguarding Responsible & Sustainable Shipping'



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Over the past 35 years the chairman of the PSC Committee has played an important role in directing the meeting. In the first 15 years the chairman was designated by the host country of the PSC Committee meeting.

In 1997 Mr. Odd Vollene (Norway) was the first elected chairman of the PSC Committee. In 1999 he was succeeded by Mr. Alan Cubbin (United Kingdom) and since 2006 Mr. Brian Hogan (Ireland) has been chairman of the Committee.

1982	Mr. Heeringa	1983	Mr. T.R. Funder
1984	Mr. L. Gonzales Alonso		Mr. T.R. Cowley
1986	Mr. G.A. Dubbeld	1985	Mr. M. O'Ruairc
	Capt. H.J. Valkonen		Mr. E. Jansen
1988		1987	Mr. Mr. C. Brossier / Mr. H. Pinon
	Mr. J. Panopoulos		Mr. P. Keidel
1990		1989	Dr. T. Santapola
	Mr. L.C. van der Vel		Mr. J. Bairao Reis
	Mr. T.R. Funder		Mr. B.E. Stenmark
1992		1991	Capt. M. Hubbard
	Mr. H. Valkonen		Mr. R. Lobeto Lobo
	Mr. G. Cadet	1993	Mr. P. Keidel
1994			Mr. J. Panopoulos
	Mr. S.A. MacLoughlin	1995	Mr. G.A. Dubbeld
	Dr. G. Pattofatto		Mr. L.A. Nygaard
1996		1997	Dr. G.G. Ivanov
	Mr. J. Vonau		
	Adm. J.L. Leira Pinto	1999-2005	Mr. A. Cubbin
1997-1998	Mr. O.V. Vollene		
2006-2017	Mr. B. Hogan		