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**EXPLANATORY MANUAL TO THE CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965, AS AMENDED**

1 The Facilitation Committee, at its thirty-sixth session (6 to 10 September 2010), finalized and approved the annexed Explanatory Manual to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended (FAL Convention).

2 The Committee had recognized that the development of an Explanatory Manual should help in interpreting the legal text of the provisions of the Convention, that can be complex and at times difficult to understand. The Committee was of the view that the Manual should provide for a greater understanding of the Convention, particularly in those Member States which are not presently Contracting Governments to the Convention.

3 The Committee once again urged those Member States which had not yet acceded to the FAL Convention, to consider doing so as soon as possible, in order to assist the Organization's efforts to promote wider acceptance of the Convention and adoption of measures contained therein and work towards the universal implementation of measures to facilitate international maritime traffic.

4 Member Governments are invited to bring this Manual to the attention of all parties concerned, including public authorities, ship's masters, agents and operators.

ANNEX

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*(INCORPORATING AMENDMENTS TO THE FAL CONVENTION
UP TO AND INCLUDING 2010)*

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