

Ratification of fishing vessel safety treaties

It is a pleasure to announce that one more member of the IOMOU, “**Kenya**” has shown its support for the safety of fishing vessels and their crews by depositing its instrument of ratification to the 2012 Cape Town Agreement and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F) on 17 March, 2022.

The 2012 Cape Town Agreement (CTA) will bring in mandatory safety requirements for fishing vessels when it enters into force. The STCW-F, which is already in force, sets out mandatory standards relating to training, certification and watchkeeping of Fishing Vessel Personnel.

Kenya is the 17th country to become a Contracting State to the CTA, which will enter into force 12 months after at least 22 States, with an aggregate 3,600 fishing vessels meeting the length requirements operating on the high seas, must express their consent to be bound by it.

His Excellency Mr. Manoah Esipisu, High Commissioner, and Permanent Representative of Kenya to the IMO met with IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim to deposit the instruments of ratification.

So far, a total of 03 Member Authorities of the Indian Ocean MoU i.e., France, Kenya and South Africa have ratified the fishing vessel safety treaties.