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**PROTOCOL OF 2002 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE
OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974**

Reservations under this Protocol

It has been brought to the attention of the Secretariat that some of the cross-references in the text of the reservations submitted by Contracting States to the Protocol appear to be incorrect.

Circular Letter No.2758 contains *Guidelines for the implementation of the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 2002*, adopted by the Legal Committee at its ninety-second session. The Guidelines recommend that States which ratify, approve or accede to this Protocol should include a reservation concerning a limitation of liability for carriers and a limitation for compulsory insurance for acts of terrorism. Model text for the reservation is contained in the annex to the Guidelines.

It has been noted that some of the reservations submitted by Contracting States contain erroneous paragraph references. This may have resulted direct citation of the paragraph references contained in the Guidelines rather than the paragraph sequencing of the reservation itself. That is, if the numbering system for the paragraphs of the reservation is different than the model text, the cross references may need to be amended accordingly. If they are not amended, erroneous cross-references will arise.

Contracting States to the Protocol are invited to take note of this information and, where appropriate, to re-submit the text of their reservations to the IMO Secretariat so that depositary records can be corrected accordingly.

Member Governments that have not yet acceded to the Protocol are also invited to take note of this information when formulating their reservation related thereto.

Questions regarding this matter can be directed to Ms. Eva Huehne, Depositary Attorney, at ehuehne@imo.org.