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**Current challenges under FAL  
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# IMO – the International Maritime Organization

Safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans

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# IMO – specialized UN agency

- London headquarters
- Annual budget £30+ million
- Secretariat – 300 staff
- 50 Nationalities



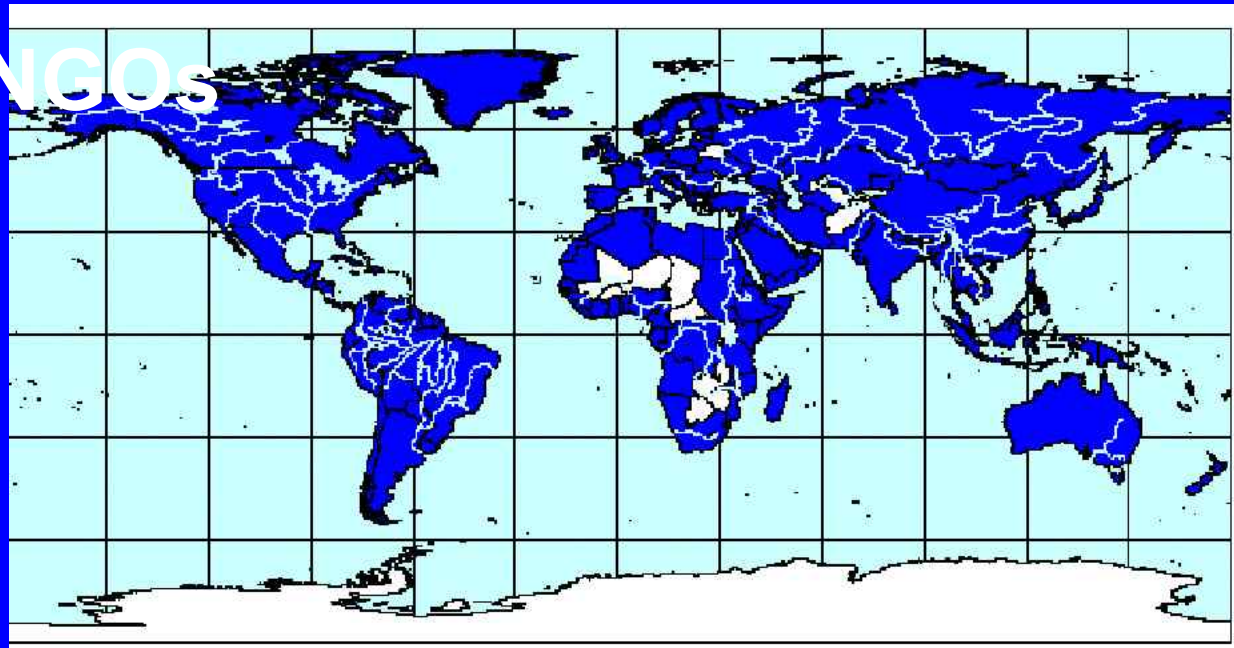
# Financed by shipping nations



• Panama	£5.3m	19.3%
• Liberia	£2.5m	8.8%
• Bahamas	£1.4m	4.9%
• Marshall Is.	£1.3m	4.8%
• UK	£1.3m	4.8%
• Greece	£1.2m	4.3%
• Singapore	£1.1m	4.1%
• Malta	£0.97m	3.5%
• Japan	£0.94m	3.4%
• China	£0.91m	3.3%

# Global coverage

- 169 Member States
- All major ship owning nations
- All major coastal states
- IGOs and NGOs



# IMO at work

- Assembly

- Council – 40 Members

- Committees:

- Maritime Safety

- Marine Environment  
Protection

- Legal

- Technical Co-operation

- Facilitation



# Analysis of FAL Convention

- No new accessions in the last two and a half years (90.3% of the world's fleet by tonnage)
- “Comprehensive revision of the Convention”, decided in FAL 35 (2009). Two phases: first only Annex. Later, the Convention, looking for text more binding. Correspondence group led by France
- FAL 36 approved explanatory Manual

# Electronic means for clearance of ships

- **FAL 37 approved**
  - **FAL.5/Circ.35 on Revised IMO Compendium on Facilitation and Electronic Business**
  - **FAL.5/Circ.36 on Guidelines for setting up a single window system in maritime transport.**



# Stowaways

- **Resolution FAL.11(37) on "Revised guidelines on the prevention of access by stowaways and the allocation of responsibilities to seek the successful resolution of stowaway cases". Became effective on 1 October 2011.**
- **IMO focal point: continuation of trial until FAL 38**
- **Proper implementation of SOLAS XI-2 and ISPS Code**

# **Access to the electronic versions of documents and certificates of the ships**

- **Important decision for future work of FAL Committee**
- **Correspondence group leaded by the USA, to report to FAL 38.**

# Security

- **MSC/FAL circular on questionnaire on information on port and coastal State requirements related to PCASP on board ships**
- **Development of guidelines towards enhancing the resilience of maritime shipping. Correspondence group leaded by USA and Canada**

# Non mandatory FAL instruments

- Published in the imo web site

<http://www.imo.org/OurWork/Facilitation/>

# Ship/Port interface

- Dangerous Goods Denial Database (IMO, IAEA and ICAO) and so far there were 236 reports in the database (182 relating to sea-mode, 51 to air-mode and 3 to land-mode)
- Continuation of trial period of the mechanism for the resolution of IMDG Code dangerous goods including class 7 radioactive materials