

Agreed Minutes

In accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United States of America, maritime delegations of the two countries held consultations on maritime and related issues in New York, NY, the United States of America, on November 04 – 05, 2004.

Vyacheslav V. Ruksha, Head, Federal Maritime and River Transport Agency, led the Russian delegation. Captain William G. Schubert, Maritime Administrator, US Department of Transportation, chaired the American delegation. The following is the summary of the consultations.

1. The delegations exchanged information and views on main maritime developments in their respective countries and in the international maritime community as a whole. They considered implementation of the maritime agreement between the two countries and explored ways to further develop their bilateral cooperation. They also discussed their maritime agreements and relations with third countries.
2. The delegations further discussed the issues of both seafarers' identity documents and the US visas for Russian seafarers. The two parties agreed to further follow the developments in this field.
3. The delegations thoroughly considered important issues of international maritime safety and security, with particular emphasis placed on bilateral and multilateral co-operation in implementation of International Ship and Port Security Code.
4. The delegations reviewed their previous discussions and recommendations on co-operation in maritime education and training between the maritime training institutions of the two countries and noted with satisfaction the examples of efficient practical co-operation of the organizations from the two countries in this field. The two parties welcomed signing in the course of the consultations of an agreement on co-operation between the US Merchant Marine Academy (New York, USA) and the State Maritime Academy (Sankt-Petersburg, RF).

Signed in New York on November 05, 2004

For the United States of America

For the Russian Federation

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