

IMO Resolution A.1023(26) - Adopted on 2 December 2009 - Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 2009 (2009 MODU Code)

The Assembly,

. RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety,

. NOTING that mobile offshore drilling units continue to be moved and operated internationally,

. RECOGNIZING that the design criteria for such units are often quite different from those of conventional ships and that, by virtue of this, international conventions (such as the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, and the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as amended) cannot apply in respect of mobile offshore drilling units,

. RECALLING FURTHER that, when the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU Code) was adopted in 1979 by [resolution A.414\(XI\)](#), it was recognized that the design technology of mobile offshore drilling units was rapidly evolving and that new features of mobile offshore drilling units were being introduced to improve technical and safety standards,

. RECALLING ALSO the adoption of the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU Code), 1989, which superseded the 1979 MODU Code, by [resolution A.649\(16\)](#), following a number of tragic MODU casualties which emphasized the need for a review of the international safety standards developed by the Organization,

. NOTING that, since the adoption of the 1989 MODU Code, ICAO has adopted amendments to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, which impact on the 1989 Code provisions for helicopter facilities; and that the Organization has, since, adopted a number of amendments to SOLAS regulations, which are referenced in the 1989 MODU Code,

. HAVING considered the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-sixth session,

1.. ADOPTS the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 2009 (2009 MODU Code), set out in the Annex to this resolution, for mobile offshore drilling units, the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2012;

2.. INVITES Governments concerned to:

(a). take appropriate action to give effect to the 2009 MODU Code;

(b). consider the Code as equivalent, for purposes of application to mobile offshore drilling units, to the technical requirements of the conventions specified in the third preambular paragraph; and

(c). inform the Organization of measures taken in this respect;

3.. AUTHORIZES the Maritime Safety Committee to amend the 2009 MODU Code as appropriate, taking into consideration developments in design and technology, in consultation with appropriate organizations.

Annex - Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 2009 (2009 MODU Code)

. This Resolution is stored in Rulefinder as a code under the title "[2009 MODU Code - Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 2009](#)".