

The International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR Convention)

transformed the duty to rescue from a general principle **to an organised, global system.**

It reinforces and elaborates

**key SAR elements in the Conventions on
the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the
Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)**

**creating the foundation for modern
Search and Rescue services.**



The SAR Convention requires all parties to establish

Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres

and sets global standards for those centres' operations.

(Annex, 2.3)

**The SAR Convention also requires
states to work**

together

**to facilitate rescue with minimum delay for
all shipmasters.**

(Annex, 3.1.9)

The Convention affirms the responsibility of states to

disembark rescued persons in a place of safety

**including following International Maritime
Organisation guidelines,**

**to ensure that rescued persons are not disembarked
in a place where they would face persecution or
torture.**

*(Annex, 3.1.9; IMO Resolution 167(78),
Annex 34, 6.17, also p. 10)*