PANEL III:

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY NEEDS
AND INITIATIVES
PSI and SUA: An Update

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Abstract
This paper describes developments since March 2005 in the Proliferation Security Initiative and in amending the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA). The paper also describes the United States’ approach to maritime law enforcement, and forecasts an opportunity at the UN in 2008 for advancing international maritime security needs and initiatives. Attachments to the paper include the text of the 1988 SUA Convention as amended by the 2005 SUA Protocol.

I begin by thanking the organizers for giving me this opportunity to update the information on the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) and the 2005 Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA) that I and my colleague, Brad Kieserman, provided to the Twenty-Ninth Annual Conference sponsored by the Center for Oceans Law and Policy of the University of Virginia School of Law held on the campus of Xiamen University in Xiamen, China March 9-12, 2005. Much has happened since then, which I now summarize before providing more details.

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