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Alper was born in Turkey, and his family lives in İzmir, one of the major port cities in the Turkey. He majored in deck department of maritime faculty at the Istanbul Technical University, graduating in 2001. He worked on ships as a deck officer for private Shipping Companies. He joined the Undersecretariat of Maritime Affairs in 2005 as Maritime Expert, while continuing with further studies at the School of Public Administration, Gazi University, obtaining a Master's Degree about EU legislation in 2007. He then studied maritime law and policy at the World Maritime University (WMU), Sweden, graduating with a master's degree in 2012.

Alper began attending IMO meetings as part of the Turkish delegation in 2005, actively participating in Facilitation Committee and IOPC Fund meetings. From 2007, he was appointed as acting manager of international relations branch, and he engaged in activities to promote international trade facilitation instruments in ports and compensation regime through effective implementation of IMO conventions in his country. He led the delegation of Turkey to the IMO FAL Committee and IOPC Fund meetings.

In last quarter of 2013, Alper was appointed as Associated Professional Officer, at the International Maritime Organization in London and led all Technical Cooperation works for the Facilitation Unit up to mid of 2016. During this time period, Alper was attended UNCEFACT meetings as representative of IMO, and he shared IMO's perspective during the UNLOCODE meetings in Geneva.

When he turned back to his country, he was nominated as national focal point of Turkey for UNLOCODE by end of 2016, and then he was elected as Project Leader for the Rev. Rec. 16.