

Working Group on the Development of a new
Strategic Framework
2nd session
Agenda item 1

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Note by the Chairman

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document sets out the proposed working arrangements for the Working Group
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	4
<i>High-level action:</i>	4.0.3
<i>Output:</i>	4.0.3.1
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 10
<i>Related documents:</i>	C 116/4/1; SF-WG 2/2/1; C 114/D and C 114/3/2

Introduction

1 In order to ensure an efficient meeting, the Chairman of the Working Group on the development of a new strategic framework (SF-WG) would like to propose the following working arrangements for the Working Group.

2 On Wednesday, 29 June, after the opening of the session, the external consultant will provide a short presentation to highlight the vital role of the trends, developments and challenges faced by international shipping as the foundation of the development of a new strategic framework for the Organization.

3 After this introduction, it is the intention, with the agreement of the Working Group, to establish a number of smaller groups to each discuss different developments and challenges specified in the trends, developments and challenges (TDCs) document. The annex to this document contains the list of developments and challenges covered in C 116/4/1 to be discussed.

4 Given the large number of developments and topics contained in the TDCs document, the Chairman believes that the task to filter and select the most relevant issues as agreed by the Council (C 114/D), can be best accomplished following an initial consideration in smaller groups. Decisions will be taken by the Working Group as a whole.

5 In order to achieve a similar approach in each group, the developments should be assessed in the context of the following questions proposed by the external consultant (in document SF-WG 2/2/1):

- Does the development fit with the IMO mission areas? If so, how?
- Does the development significantly impact the Member States? If so, how?
- Is the development likely to occur in the next six-year period? If so, when?
- If IMO were to address the development, would it be able to make a significant difference? If so, how?

6 The Chairman, the external consultant and Secretariat staff will be available to assist the groups in their deliberation.

7 The groups will be composed to take into account the balanced interests of Member States, IGOs and NGOs attending the session. The Chairman will make suggestions based on the list of registered participants. In order to ensure the balanced composition of the smaller groups, it is suggested that delegations with several members should not be in the same group.

8 The smaller groups will be asked to present their findings to the whole Working Group on the morning of Thursday, 30 June.

9 It should be reiterated that the outcomes of the smaller groups are not to be taken as the final outcome of the Working Group as such, but merely as a facilitation process for further discussion by the Working Group. The TDCs document and the views of the smaller groups will be considered in whole by the Working Group to jointly agree on the final recommendations on challenges faced by the Organization for the six year period between 2018 and 2023.

Action requested of the Working Group

10 The Working Group is invited to note the information.

ANNEX

List of developments and challenges covered in document C 116/4/1

1. Development and review of IMO regulations
2. Assessing the effectiveness of IMO regulations
3. Improving the IMO's working practices
4. Uniform Implementation
5. Reduction of administrative burdens
6. Electronic transmission of information, including electronic certificates
7. Single Window Approach
8. Security
9. Infrastructure facilities
10. Safe ship operation and navigation
11. Utilization of big data
12. Automation and remote operations
13. Cybersecurity
14. Hydrographic surveys and nautical chart
15. Ship design and ship building
16. Propulsion systems and alternative fuels
17. Marine pollution
18. Air pollution and energy efficiency
19. Emerging environmental developments
20. Crewing and fatigue
21. Seafarer demand and possible manpower gap
22. Seafarer education and training
23. Sustainable development of activities in the marine space
24. Participation in and coordination with UN initiatives