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**PROGRESS REPORT TO THE ASSEMBLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH RESOLUTION
A.924(22) ON REVIEW OF MEASURES AND PROCEDURES TO PREVENT ACTS OF
TERRORISM WHICH THREATEN THE SECURITY OF PASSENGERS AND CREWS
AND THE SAFETY OF SHIPS**

Technical assistance aspects

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on the measures taken by the Secretary-General in response to operative paragraph 5 of resolution A.924(22), to assist Governments, through the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP), to improve maritime security.

Action to be taken: The Council is invited to take note of the information provided.

Related documents: A.924(22), SOLAS/CONF.5/34, C 90/12

Introduction

1 The Council will recall that in response to operative paragraph 5 of resolution A.924(22), in February 2002 the Secretary-General launched an initial two-year programme of global assistance on maritime security, within the framework of the ITCP, with a total budget of £1.5 million (US\$2,145,000) from the TC Fund.

2 During the first year of that programme the Technical Co-operation Division, in collaboration with the Maritime Safety Division, delivered a significant work plan that covered: (a) the preparation of a training package, with its associated lesson plans and presentations, aimed at raising awareness of existing maritime security measures and practices and of the prospective regulatory regime then being developed by IMO; (b) seven sub-regional seminars/workshops that were organized over a period of five months, which involved the participation of 86 countries, two Associate Member States and a total of 306 trainees; and (c) *ad hoc* advisory services on maritime security to some developing countries.

3 In the second year of the programme, a similarly heavy work plan will be carried out, with the emphasis being on promoting awareness, understanding and the effective implementation of the new provisions of SOLAS Chapters V, XI-1 and XI-2, and of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, which were adopted by the Diplomatic Conference on Maritime Security, held in London in December 2002. To that end, necessary

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action was taken, early in 2003, to modify the aforementioned training package and, with the updated materials, additional technical assistance will be provided throughout 2003, including a further seven sub-regional seminars/workshops, the first and second of which are planned respectively for the end of March 2003 in Nigeria and the beginning of April 2003 in India. Taking into account that the feedback from participants in those events had been outstanding, it is anticipated that individual countries especially in developing regions may request further IMO support in the form of advisory missions, national workshops and training their nationals at specialized institutions. Indeed IMO has already received requests from twenty countries for advisory and training services.

4 The annex to this document provides an updated table showing the status of implementation of the six components of the global programme.

Assistance beyond 2003

5 The Secretary-General has written to the President of the World Bank, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, and the President of the regional development banks, with a view to securing additional support for developing countries in complying with the new regulatory regime. As has been reported previously to the Council, a very positive response was received from the World Bank focusing on the need to support the economic viability of ports, and from the Asian Development Bank and the African Development Bank Group indicating their readiness to support measures that are necessary to maintain the integrity of those regions' ports and shipping services, as well as a strong commitment to improve and integrate maritime security issues in their transport operations. In this context, the Secretariat is continuing its efforts to follow-up the approaches to these and other potential partners.

6 In this context, the Council will recall that the Diplomatic Conference also adopted a number of resolutions, including one covering promotion of technical co-operation and assistance in this field (Conference Resolution 5). In operative paragraph 4 of that Resolution, the Conference invited the Secretary-General "to give early consideration to establishing a Maritime Security Trust Fund for the purpose of providing a dedicated source of financial support for maritime security technical co-operation activities and, in particular, for providing support for national initiatives in developing countries to strengthen their maritime security infrastructure and measures." In response to that invitation, the Secretary-General is taking steps to determine the willingness of Member Governments, institutions and potential donors to contribute to such a trust fund.

Action requested of the Council

7 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and to comment as appropriate.

ANNEX

STATUS OF COMPONENTS OF THE GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON MARITIME SECURITY

Activity	Objective	Action taken or to be taken	Status	Target completion
1	Preparation of an outline programme for subsequent training workshops	Two maritime/port security experts were appointed in February 2002 to: provide advice to the Secretariat on security issues; observe discussions during the Inter-sessional Working Group on Maritime Security; and prepare the outline workshop programme, taking into account the recommendations of the latter Group, together with corresponding learning objectives.	Completed	February 2002
2	Development of detailed lesson plans and presentations	(a) Two maritime security experts were engaged to prepare, in English, detailed lesson plans and corresponding PowerPoint presentations for instructors, based on the agreed outline workshop programme.	Completed	June 2002
		(b) A maritime/port security expert was engaged to revise, in English, the above-mentioned materials taking into account the amendments to SOLAS Chapters, V, XI-1 and XI-2 and the ISPS Code	Completed	February 2003
3	Translation of materials	(a) The detailed lesson plans and instructors' presentations were translated into French and Spanish.	Completed	September 2002
		(b) The revised materials will be translated into the above languages.	On-going	May 2003
4	Delivery of subregional workshops	(a) Seven subregional seminars/workshops held in Australia (Pacific Islands), Egypt (Arab and Mediterranean countries), Kenya (Eastern and Southern African countries), Panama (ROCRAM-CA countries), Poland (Baltic and Eastern European countries), Singapore (East Asian countries) and Uruguay (ROCRAM countries).	Completed	July to November 2002

Activity	Objective	Action taken or to be taken	Status	Target completion
4 (contd.)	Delivery of subregional workshops	(b) Seven subregional seminars/workshops to be held in North Africa (Maghreb countries), in the Caribbean region, in the region of South Asia, in the West and Central African subregion, in the Black Sea region and in the region of the Caspian Sea, to promote awareness, understanding and the effective implementation of IMO's new regulatory regime on maritime security.	On-going	March to December 2003
5	Delivery of advisory missions and national workshops	Provision of expert services and instructors to advise individual Governments and/or deliver national training workshops.	On request	Continuous to December 2003
6	Provision of fellowships and on-the-job training attachments	Organization of individual training at specialized institutions and on-the-job training attachments with port authorities.	On request	Continuous to December 2003