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Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides a summary of the outcome of the fifty-third session of the Technical Co-operation Committee (11-12 June 2003).

Action to be taken: The Council is invited to consider the report of the Committee on its fifty-third session and, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the Convention, to transmit it with its comments and recommendations to the Assembly

Related documents: TC 53/19

1 The Technical Co-operation Committee held its fifty-third session on 11 and 12 June 2003 under the chairmanship of Captain Moin Ahmed (Bangladesh).

Secretary-General's Opening Statement

2 The Secretary-General, in welcoming the participants, stated that it was an historic occasion as it was the first Committee session to be held separately from the Council, the need for this having become more evident as the Committee's responsibilities and workload increased.

3 Recalling that, in his fourteen years as Secretary-General, and particularly more recently, he had seen the Committee's work grow in substance, quality and volume, he noted that the Committee had taken on a stronger role in shaping technical co-operation policies and practices and ensuring that the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP) supported the objective of developing capacities for more effective and uniform implementation of global maritime standards. He also noted that, as that role developed further, the Committee would need to be more active in devising methods of addressing future challenges faced by Member States, such as the proposed Model Audit Scheme, thereby demonstrating the Organization's capability of achieving improved and uniform compliance with, and enforcement of, standards.

4 The Secretary-General stated that the Committee would be considering a number of reports on results achieved during 2002 through ITCP activities and that, as a consequence of the reforms introduced under the Change Management Programme, the Secretariat had been able to enlarge the range of partnerships and mobilize further resources – both financial and in-kind – for the implementation of the ITCP. This had enabled IMO to deliver a larger volume of technical assistance activities than ever before with a greater number of partners and improved resources

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which had raised overall TC expenditure levels. The Committee would also be asked to approve the ITCP for 2004-2005 taking into account new priorities identified by the other IMO Committees, which had been incorporated in the future programme.

5 He noted also that the Committee would be invited to approve a financial allocation of £5 million from the Technical Co-operation Fund (TC Fund) to cover some 56% of the funding requirement of the new ITCP but that further resource mobilization work would be needed to ensure that, together with complementary inputs from external partners, all of the new ITCP's programmed activities could be implemented.

6 In that context, the Secretary-General recalled that he had convened the Workshop on Partnership Building, which had been held immediately prior to this session of the Committee, in the knowledge that despite recent partnership successes, with the decline in official development aid, and more focused targeting on certain development issues by donors, it had been necessary for IMO to adjust the ITCP along with the method of its funding and execution. The purpose of the Workshop, therefore, was to promote further co-operation and co-ordination between IMO and interested institutions in the financing and provision of technical assistance to the maritime sector of developing countries.

7 He stated that, with the entry into force of IMO's maritime security regime on 1 July 2004, there had already been a large demand for advice and training on compliance requirements relating to SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code which would undoubtedly increase substantially, because failure to implement the new standards properly would put at risk the continuity of national shipping and port operations. Additionally, the proposed introduction of the Model Audit Scheme would have an impact on the TC Programme and the TC Fund since there would be considerable pressure to provide guidance and assistance in preparing for the Audit and subsequently to assist in the correction of any deficiencies which may be revealed by the Audit.

8 In view of these new challenges, the Secretary-General considered that IMO, its Member States, the Secretariat and interested partners would need to consider innovative means of securing durable short and long term support which developing countries may require if their maritime sector activities are to continue to flourish. He stated that, as current developments progress and the Organization strengthens its enforcement powers, it should concurrently expand and secure its technical assistance outreach capability.

9 In concluding, the Secretary-General recalled that this would be the last occasion on which he would address the Committee in his present capacity, and thanked the Chairman, his predecessors and the Committee Members for the guidance and support provided over the years to him and the Secretariat, and especially to the Technical Co-operation Division. This had enabled IMO to introduce lasting reforms and make significant achievements in its TC work. He wished the Committee every success in addressing the new challenges it would face in the future.

Interim report on the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme for 2002-2003

Annual Report on 2002

10 The Secretariat presented document TC 53/2, a comprehensive report on the ITCP programmes in their first operational year of the 2002-2003 biennium document. The baseline information on the trends in resource contributions and expenditure represented the core of the document, with supporting explanations by the Secretariat on the comparative delivery of those resources, by regional distribution and by discipline.

11 One of the key outcomes for 2002 was the remarkable and sustained increase in financial delivery against activities implemented through the Secretariat, or through partnerships with external bodies and programmes. The Committee's attention was drawn to the significant upward trend in overall disbursement that had been sustained since 1999 was confirmed by the aggregate expenditure levels that amounted to over US\$ 12 million in 2002. There was a sharp increase of some 27 percentage points in the volume of expenditure since 2001, generating a 78% rate of increase between 1999 and 2002.

12 The Director summarized the details of the regional deliverables, which had been implemented through 28 programmes and 84 projects: 91 missions were carried out; 11 packages of model primary or secondary legislation were developed; 110 courses, seminars and workshops were held; and these activities resulted in the training of some 3,150 persons.

13 In summing up, the Chairman expressed his gratitude to the delegations for their comments and to the Secretariat for the further clarifications provided. The Committee was most appreciative of the periodic revisions that were made to the structure and presentation of the annual report, and welcomed the efforts made by the Secretariat to present a structured and clear analysis of the activities of the individual programmes within the ITCP.

14 It had been most encouraging to note the exceptional increase in the volume of assistance delivered over the period in question, and more especially to see that it represented a trend which has been increasing sharply since 1999. The Committee had observed closely the volume of expenditure over the previous few sessions, and the results for the year 2002 were clear evidence that the steps taken by the Secretariat had been instrumental in improving the levels of delivery.

15 In concluding the sub-item, the Committee: (a) took note, with appreciation, of the information provided in the interim report on the ITCP for 2002 - 2003; and (b) thanked the many donors and recipients for their commitment to the ITCP, requesting them to maintain and, if possible, increase their support.

Technical Co-operation Fund: Report on activities of the 2002-2003 programme rationalization of technical co-operation practices

16 Document TC 53/2/1 provided a progress report on the status of implementation of the technical co-operation activities financed or co-financed by the Technical Co-operation Fund (TC Fund) during the current biennium. The TC Fund again provided priority assistance to Africa through regional and global programmes. The TC Fund was supporting many aspects of IMO's mandate and, in 2002, it had accounted for some 42% of all monies available to the ITCP, and for 40% of all disbursements, turning the Fund into the programme's largest contributor.

17 The Committee took note of the information provided in the annex to the document and thanked all donors and recipients for their generous financial and in-kind support to the TC Fund activities.

18 The Committee also took note of the information contained in the cover note to document TC 53/2/1 regarding the Secretariat's reporting practices, and requested the Secretariat to submit proposals to the Committee, at its next session, for streamlining and consolidating reports made to Member States on the implementation of technical co-operation activities.

Outcome of the Workshop on Partnership Building

19 The Director, TCD, reported on the outcome of the Workshop on Partnership Building, which was held at IMO Headquarters on 9-10 June. The purpose of the Workshop was to encourage the development of partnerships between IMO and regional organisations, Governments, institutions and industry through the exchange of information and open discussion.

20 The outcome of the meeting included a consensus on the need to expand existing partnerships, involve industry more effectively, identify suitable sources of funds, strengthen IMO's regional presence and identify IMO's goals more closely with the Millennium Development Goals. Participants regarded the Workshop as very successful and suggested that the Committee consider a Resolution on the "Development and Improvement of Partnership Arrangements for Technical Co-operation". The Committee endorsed the draft Resolution as amended which appears at annex hereto.

Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme for 2004-2005 (ref. C 90/19(a))

21 The Committee considered the ITCP for 2004-2005, under document TC 53/4. Changes and additions to the biennial programme included maritime security; implementation of the revised IMDG Code and the 1995 STCW-F Convention; implementation of the OPRC-HNS Protocol and AFS Convention; assisting in control and management of ships' ballast water and; supporting training of personnel in ship/port interface activities.

22 The proposed ITCP comprised 26 programmes with funding requirements of US\$14.1 million, based on the assessed needs of the developing regions, the new thematic priorities identified by the technical Committees, and taking into account the increasing requests for assistance in compliance with the requirements of the ISPS Code.

23 The Committee welcomed the efforts of the Secretariat to prepare a realistic and achievable programme and approved the ITCP for 2004-2005.

Technical Co-operation Fund: Biennial allocation to support the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme for 2004-2005 (ref. C 90/19(b))

24 The Committee approved the TC Fund Programme for the 2004-2005 biennium and recommended that the Secretary-General be authorized to use, during 2004-2005, the unprogrammed funds of the TC Fund for demands or partnership opportunities as and when they arise.

25 The Committee considered the Secretary-General's proposals for an allocation from the TC Fund – in the amount of £5 million (or US\$7.85 million) – to support the delivery of the new ITCP. That sum, which represented 56% of the funding required for the entire ITCP, would be used to finance the core activities of the programme and that level of up-front funding was a clear expression of IMO's commitment to its own technical co-operation work.

26 The TC Fund allocation would support the core activities of all the regional and global programmes of the new ITCP, on the basis of 46% of requirements for each region and 71% for the global programmes, with the latter providing additional benefits to all regions. Those activities that were not identified as core activities in the annex to document TC 53/5 would require external donor contributions.

27 The Committee recommended the transfer of all surplus funds from the Printing Fund to the TC Fund in accordance with Assembly resolution A.873(20). For financial forecasting and planning of the activities, £1.4 million of this surplus will be immediately used for the activities planned for 2004-2005.

Methodology for the Impact Assessment Exercise 2000-2003

28 The Committee had before document TC 53/6, which was introduced by the Director, TCD, recalling that, in accordance with the Committee's policy directives, an Impact Assessment Exercise (IAE) had to be carried out every four years to measure the effectiveness of the assistance received by developing countries through the ITCP.

29 This second IAE would be co-ordinated by TCD and the Internal Oversight Section and carried out by a team of external consultants, in conjunction with the beneficiaries and development partners. The consultants would be asked to assess the impact of ITCP activities focusing on the development of maritime legislation and the enhancement of maritime security, as well as those activities that were delivered through partnerships with national and regional institutions.

30 It was intended to launch the exercise early in 2004 and complete it by mid-March, thereby permitting their final report to be considered by the Committee at its annual session in 2004.

31 The Committee (a) noted with appreciation the kind offer of Canada to provide support for the organization and execution of the IAE; (b) approved the operational framework and terms of reference set out in the annex to document TC 53/6; and (c) instructed the Secretariat to proceed with the arrangements for this second impact assessment exercise on that basis.

Resource Mobilization

32 The Committee commended the information provided by the Secretariat on resource mobilization and on in-kind support in particular, and invited the Secretariat to keep it informed of this issue on annual basis. It agreed that there was not need to attempt to provide a financial valuation of the services provided as in-kind support.

Regional co-ordination and regional delivery

33 The Committee received detailed information on the status of the IMO Regional Co-ordination scheme, the progress achieved in the expansion of the scheme to the Asian region, as well as existing partnership arrangements with regional/national organizations and programmes for the delivery of the ITCP. The Committee was informed that a new Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) was signed on 2 June 2003 between IMO and the Government of the Republic of Korea on the establishment of a Trust Fund to which the Government of Korea will continue to make appropriate contributions to support the ITCP and that an MOU between IMO and Canada would be signed shortly which would make available Canadian expertise to the Technical Co-operation Programme.

34 In concluding this agenda item, there was a consensus that the regional co-ordination and regional delivery scheme had proved successful and should be strengthened, sustained and the implementation of the ITCP decentralized.

Global Programme on Maritime Security

35 The Committee had before it documents TC 53/9, TC 53/9/Add.1 and TC 53/9/1. The Committee was also informed verbally of the outcome of the 76th and 77th sessions of the Maritime Safety Committee (2 – 13 December 2002 and 28 May – 6 June 2003, respectively), the SOLAS Conference on Maritime Security (9 – 13 December 2002), the 30th session of the Facilitation Committee and the 34th session of the Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping.

36 The Committee was also informed that the Conference adopted Conference resolution 5 – “Promotion of technical co-operation and assistance” in this context the Committee noted with appreciation the action taken by the Secretary-General to determine the interest of potential donors to an International Maritime Security Trust Fund.

37 The Committee congratulated the Secretariat on the production of the course materials in Arabic, English, French and Spanish and expressed their satisfaction with the good progress being made in the delivery of the sub-regional seminars.

38 The Committee expressed its thanks to the Administrations of the Governments of Nigeria and India for their willingness to host and facilitate the seminars/workshops, and its appreciations for the offers of Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Nicaragua and Romania for further workshops in 2003.

39 The Committee reiterating its earlier appeal to all development partners to contribute financial, human and/or in-kind resources for the ITCP’s activities on this important subject and, especially, for the provision of training.

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Capacity Building aspects of the Model Audit Scheme (C 90/15, C 90/15/Add.1)

41 Under this agenda item the Committee considered the Joint MSC/MEPC/TCC Working Group report on the IMO Model Audit Scheme and gave consideration to technical co-operation related aspects: capacity building and funding of the Scheme as outlined in documents TC 53/10/Add.1 and C 90/15/Add.1. The Committee also reviewed the draft Assembly resolution on the Audit Scheme.

42 The Committee took note of the Joint Working Group’s report on the IMO Model Scheme and endorsed the outcome of the Joint Working Group’s consideration of the various aspects of the scheme (document C 90/15/Add.1, paragraphs 51.1, 51.2 and 51.6 of annex 1). It also endorsed the Joint Working Group’s decision on the capacity building, technical co-operation and overall funding for the Scheme (C 90/15/Add.1, paragraphs 34 to 38 and 39 to 42 of annex 1) and approved the draft Assembly resolution on the voluntary IMO Model Audit Scheme (document C 90/15/Add.1, paragraphs 49 and 50 of annex 1), taking into account the following amendment to paragraph 6: “DECIDES that within the context of resolution A 901(21) on IMO and Technical Co-operation in the 2000s, technical co-operation is provided as appropriate including capacity building aspects of the pre and post audit process.”

43 The Committee approved as well the Joint Working Group report in general. Finally, it agreed on the work plan for the development of the scheme and called on Members of the Committee to participate in the correspondence group.

Electronic access to IMO publications (C 90/23)

44 The Committee discussed document TC 53/11, submitted by the Secretariat in response to the proposal considered by TCC at its fifty-second session to make IMO publications freely accessible via the Internet. This document presented a report on the assessment, along with proposals on how a suitable test could be conducted and suggestions as to possible success criteria for making selected IMO instruments freely accessible electronically.

45 The Committee was informed that the Secretariat would, in parallel with the trial period, carry out an analysis of the level of sales for the four publications and also consult the Organization's distributors on their experience. The Committee was reminded that the Secretariat had some reservations about making the Organization's intellectual property available free on the Internet, but the idea of a pilot study had nonetheless been approached as constructively as possible.

46 Committee noted that, as part of the diversification of the Publishing Service's priced products, the Secretariat had started offering "virtual" editions of its publications (starting with the ISPS Code), and introduced a new "subscriber" service to certain other publications, which would enable users to access and download the publications if they wished, or to pay for access on a fee basis.

47 The Committee debated a number of aspects arising from the document before agreeing that, whilst noting the concerns of two delegations, the Committee recommended that the Secretariat should go ahead and initiate the pilot study as detailed in document TC 53/11 and submit a report to the fifty-fourth session of TCC in June 2004.

Women-in-Development Programme

48 The Committee had before its document TC 53/12, reporting on the activities implemented under the IMO Women in Development Programme in 2002.

49 Since 2001, the Women in Development Programme had been funded through the TC Fund on a biennial basis. The funding covered a modest training programme for women, which was determined on a regional basis.

50 In concluding, the Chairman noted that the programme was now termed the IMO Programme for the Integration of Women in the Maritime Sector, and stated that this title gave the wider audience a more direct understanding of the focus and purpose of the programme's activities.

51 The Committee took note of the report on the implementation activities undertaken under the IMO Programme for the Integration of Women in the Maritime Sector (IWMS) from January to December 2002. The Committee also urged Member States to implement the decisions and resolutions adopted by IMO technical bodies with respect to the integration of women in the maritime sector.

Institutional development and fellowships

World Maritime University

52 The Committee noted that its documents C 90/24(a), C 90/24/(b) and C 90/24/(c), would be presented to the 90th session of Council by the Secretary-General.

53 The Director, TCD, informed the Committee of the progress of an IMO pilot project contracted to the WMU to convert an IMO model course on “Marine Incident and Accident Investigation” into a distance learning tool.

54 The President of the University updated the Committee on the University’s 20th anniversary celebrations which took place recently in Malmö and were attended by some 300 guests and graduates from all over the world.

55 He informed the Committee that the WMU continues to make remarkable progress in areas such as academic development, international recognition and collaboration, research and consultancy, student enrolment, and the ongoing expansion of the global network of WMU Graduates. On female intake, the Committee were advised that a quarter of the WMU’s annual intake of about 200 students are women candidates sponsored mostly by revenue generated from the University’s research and consultancy activities.

56 Referring to the WMU’s Professional Diploma Courses which raised a substantial amount of funds for the University, the President informed the Committee that over 300 students attended these short courses last year – which exceeded the WMU’s usual student population of 200.

57 Three closely related initiatives undertaken by WMU in 2002 testified to its significant academic progress, namely, the substantial strengthening of the faculty through the establishment of four new professorial Chairs, three of which are sponsored by the Nippon Foundation of Japan and one of which is sponsored by the Government of Canada; the introduction of a doctoral programme in collaboration with the University of Wales; and the further expansion of research and consultancy services and scholarly publications by the University.

58 Although the future of the WMU looks bright, the Committee was warned that the University continued to face some serious financial challenges of the future, particularly with regard to its long-term existence and development, and noted that, to date, response from Member States to the Assembly resolution A.933(22) on “Sustainable Financial Support for the World Maritime University” has been muted.

59 Referring to the Assembly resolutions A.933(22), A.934(22) and A.935(22) on WMU, IMLI and IMA respectively, the Director of TCD pointed out that since these resolutions were adopted in January 2002, there has been no evaluation of the response of Member States and industry to the operative paragraphs contained in the resolutions. He suggested that, with the agreement of the Committee, a report on this issue could be tabled for the next session of the Committee in 2004.

60 On the issue of fellowship funding, one delegate, who was a WMU graduate sponsored by the European Commission, regretted the fact that the Commission no longer provided funds for fellowships at the WMU, and asked the Secretariat to try to remedy this matter in respect to WMU, IMLI and IMA, as appropriate.

61 The Committee was informed that the Secretariat had already made representations to the European Commission concerning fellowship support for WMU and IMLI.

IMO International Maritime Law Institute

62 The Committee noted that documents C 90/25(a), C 90/25(a)/Add.1, C 90/25(b) and C 90/25(b)/Add.1 which the Secretary-General would be presenting to the Council after TCC 53. The Committee was advised that the Institute continued to thrive with a total of 253 graduates from 93 States and territories.

63 The Secretariat thanked those donors who contributed to the Institute's operational fund and the donation of fellowships which enabled the Institute to raise sufficient income to cover its budget for the academic year 2002/2003.

IMO International Maritime Academy

64 The Director, TCD, introduced document TC 53/13/2 which listed courses conducted by the Academy during 2002 and its academic programme for 2003.

65 The President of the Academy presented the document TC 53/13/4 which highlighted the progress made by the Academy with regard to its current projects in the past year and its activities in the immediate future. He listed technical assistance rendered by the Academy in hydrography and cartography to countries in the Mediterranean region, CIS and Eastern Europe region and South America, mostly with funds provided by the European Commission and the Government of Italy.

Fellowships and other training activities

66 Document TC 53/13/3 listed training activities administered by IMO, from the award of *ad-hoc* fellowships to the development and delivery of IMO Model Courses. Such training activities benefited both the developing countries and the global maritime industry by enhancing the maritime capacity of countries through the building up of their human resource capabilities, and by increasing the industry's bank of technical expertise at national, regional and international levels.

67 The Committee was informed of the considerable progress being made by the IMO STCW Model Course Programme in the past year, with the translation into French and Spanish and publication of the model courses. Progress has also been made on the development and implementation of the Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response training programme and more courses were scheduled for 2003 on contingency planning and OPRC model training.

Partnerships for progress: Status of technical activities provided by Member States and scope for co-ordination and linkage with ITCP

68 The Committee had before it two documents on this agenda item. The first document, TC 53/14, provided an up-date on the progress made in the establishment of the inter-active website on the Partnerships for Progress Inventory. The Committee had also called for a similar mechanism to be established for the Compendium of Maritime Training Institutes.

69 A pilot scheme had been launched in March 2003, to test the inter-active facility for accessing the websites under the IMO web-page. The inventory of bilateral technical co-operation assistance was to be entitled Maritime Technical Aid (MARTECAID), while the

Compendium of Maritime Training Institutes would be known under the acronym CMTI. Both the websites were designed as live documents, to be up-dated regularly by each donor or maritime authority.

70 Document TC 53/INF.2 was also submitted by the Government of Singapore under this item, to provide information on technical assistance provided in the maritime/port sector by Singapore.

71 The Committee took note of the information on the MARTECAID and CMTI websites, and the pilot scheme being conducted prior to the websites going live in July 2003. The Committee also urged national authorities to provide information regarding bilateral maritime assistance and maritime training institutes, respectively, through the Internet inter-active facility, for inclusion in MARTECAID and CMTI.

Rules of procedure and methods of work of the Committee

72 At its fifty-second session, the Committee had considered the desirability of amending its Rules of Procedure and had concluded that, where feasible, these should be aligned with those of other Committees. Accordingly, the Committee considered document TC 53/16, which included a detailed analysis comparing the Rules of Procedure of the five IMO Committees.

73 The Committee adopted the amendments to its Rules of Procedure set out in annex 2 to document TC 53/16 as proposed by the Secretariat, with the exception of Rule 17(c), which was amended as follows: "If the Chairman and Vice Chairman are both unable to preside at a session, the Committee shall elect a new Chairman and a new Vice-Chairman".

74 The amendments to the Rules of procedure would come into force and be fully effective from the next session of the Committee. A TC Circular would be issued with the Committee's revised Rules of Procedure.

Election of Chairman

Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2004

75 For practical reasons the Committee agreed to suspend the application of amendments to its Rules of Procedure adopted at the current session which, *inter alia*, stipulated a term of office limitation of four years. The Committee unanimously agreed to re-elect Captain Moin Ahmed (Bangladesh) as Chairman for the year 2004.

76 The Committee noted with regret that the present Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jean-Marc Schindler (France) was stepping down as Vice-Chairman and expressed its sincere appreciation for the considerable contribution which Mr. Schindler had made over the years to the work of the Committee and for facilitating support for the implementation of the Technical Co-operation Programme.

77 The Committee unanimously elected Mr. Philip S.J. Lukuley (Sierra Leone) as Vice-Chairman for the year 2004.

Tribute to the Secretary-General

78 One delegation, speaking on behalf of the Committee, paid tribute to the Secretary-General, praising his vision, leadership and strategy, which have led the Organization and this Committee to a new era in focus and effectiveness in technical co-operation. He stated that the Secretary-General is the major reason why the Committee was embarking on a new and needed emphasis in the area of technical co-operation. Because of his efforts, the work of IMO is more effective and better recognized worldwide and the Committee wished to thank him most sincerely.

79 In response the Secretary General expressed his appreciation for the kind words of thanks for his role in the development of the work of the Committee and IMO's Technical Co-operation Programme. He stated that it was a matter of great satisfaction to witness the transformation of the Committee to a proactive forum providing oversight and direction to the development and implementation of IMO's Technical Co-operation Programme.

80 He especially enjoyed working with the Members of the Committee and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen who have guided the Committee so well. He paid, tribute to the Secretariat, in particular, the Technical Co-operation Division under the leadership of David T. Edwards its Director and expressed his confidence in the future of the Committee and the Technical Co-operation Programme.

Action requested of the Council

81 The Council is invited to:

- .1 note the Committee's appreciation of the Interim report on the ITCP for 2002-2003, and in particular, of the exceptional increase in the volume of assistance delivered in 2002 (paragraph 11);
- .2 note the Committee's decision to request the Secretariat to submit proposals to the Committee, as its 54th session, for streamlining and consolidating reports made to Member States on the implementation of technical co-operation activities (paragraph 18);
- .3 note the very successful Workshop on Partnership Building held at IMO Headquarters on 9 and 10 June 2003;
- .4 note the Committee's endorsement of a draft Assembly resolution on the development and improvement of partnership arrangements, for submission to the twenty-third session of the Assembly for approval at annex (paragraph 20);
- .5 note the Committee's approval of the ITCP 2004-2005, as a realistic and achievable programme (paragraphs 21-23);
- .6 note the Committee's approval of the TC Fund Programme for the 2004-2005 biennium and the Committee's recommendation that the Secretary-General be authorized to use, during 2004-2005, the unprogrammed funds of the TC Fund for demands or partnership opportunities as and when they arise,
- .7 endorse the TC Fund Programme for the 2004-2005 biennium (see C 90/19(b));

- .8 agree to the Committee's request to transfer all the surplus from the Printing Fund to the TC Fund. For financial forecasting and planning of the activities, £1.4 million of this surplus will be immediately used for the activities planned for 2004-2005 (see C 90/19 (b));
- .9 note the Committee's approval of the methodology (operational framework and terms of reference) proposed by the Secretariat for the impact assessment exercise 2000-2003 (paragraph 31);
- .10 note the Committee's appreciation of the good progress achieved on the Organization's global programme on maritime security and the action taken with respect to the feasibility of establishing an International Maritime Security Trust Fund as called for by Conference resolution 5 of the SOLAS Conference on Maritime Security (paragraph 40);
- .11 note the Committee's endorsement of the outcome of the Joint Working Group's decision on the capacity building, technical co-operation and funding for the Model Audit Scheme and the Committee's endorsement of the draft Assembly resolution on the voluntary IMO Model Audit Scheme with the amendment of operative paragraph 6 of that resolution (paragraph 42);
- .12 note that the Committee recommended that a pilot study be initiated on electronic access to IMO publications for a test period of 10 months starting from 1 July 2003 and the Committee's request of the Secretariat to submit a report on the study to the fifty-fourth session of TCC in June 2004 (11.8) (see C 90/23);
- .13 note the Committee's approval of amendments to its Rules of Procedure in order that they be aligned with those of other Committees (paragraphs 72-74);
- .14 note the summary of the Committee's report on its fifty-third session, and make such comments and give such guidance to the Committee, as it deems appropriate; and
- .15 authorise the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee's fifty-third session, with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-third session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

ANNEX

Draft Assembly resolution A.....(23) on**Development and Improvement of Partnership Arrangements for Technical Co-operation**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 2(e) and 15(k) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Organization in relation to the facilitation and promotion of technical co-operation,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.873(20), in operative paragraph 1 of which the Assembly reaffirmed that technical co-operation is an essential part of the Organization's work to achieve the ratification and implementation of IMO's global standards,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.900(21) on Objectives of the Organization in the 2000s, through which the Assembly, *inter alia*:

- directed the Committees, under the co-ordination of the Council, to focus their attention on, among other subjects, strengthening the Organization's technical co-operation programme and delivery to achieve sustainable development and effective implementation of the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP),

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.901(21), in operative paragraph 5 of which, the Assembly urges:

(a) the Organization's development partners to acknowledge and respond to the direct relationship between IMO's regulatory and technical co-operation work and the promotion of sustainable development and, accordingly, to give increased priority to the maritime sector within national and multilateral development aid programmes; and

(b) Member States to take that linkage into account in the preparation and delivery of their national development plans.

RECALLING FURTHER resolution A.901(21), in operative paragraph 7 of which, the Assembly invites Member States and partner organizations to use IMO as the mechanism for co-ordination in relation to technical co-operation in the maritime sector, so as to prevent the duplication of efforts and resources, and thereby ensure the maximum impact of the assistance being provided and the effective promotion of IMO objectives,

RECALLING IN PARTICULAR that, through paragraph 8 of the same resolution, the Assembly reaffirms its mandate to the Technical Co-operation Committee to devise effective and innovative means of attracting and securing further financial and in-kind support for the ITCP, and, in this context, invites Member States and the Secretariat to contribute to such work,

BEING AWARE OF the challenge for IMO in the future to develop the capacity to effectively meet the increased demands for technical assistance in the most cost-effective and efficient manner,

RECOGNIZING the limited resources available to IMO to implement its technical cooperation programmes, as well as the limited IMO regional presence to implement the ITCP activities at the regional level,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the overriding need to ensure that all stakeholders in the maritime sector are fully supportive of implementation of the global maritime standards,

BEING AWARE OF the success of partnership arrangements that IMO has established with national authorities, regional organizations and institutions, non-governmental organizations and industry for the delivery of the ITCP activities,

NOTING the success of the IMO Workshop on Partnership Building, held in the IMO Headquarters, London, from 9 to 10 June 2003, which highlighted the diversity and value of IMO's partnership arrangements in enhancing the capacity of the Organization to assist developing countries,

NOTING ALSO the success of the pilot scheme on regional co-ordinators in Africa and the establishment of the regional co-ordinators in South Asia and East Asia,

1. ENCOURAGES IMO Member States that have not established effective technical co-operation partnership arrangements to consider doing so and those Member States that have already entered into such arrangements to consider strengthening them;
 2. INVITES Member States, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the industry to provide financial and in-kind support for implementation of ITCP activities through development of effective partnership arrangements with IMO;
 3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to continue to develop and to improve partnership arrangements to ensure the long-term and sustainable delivery of the ITCP activities and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-fourth regular session on further progress achieved; and
 4. REQUESTS ALSO the Secretary-General to strengthen the role of the regional co-ordinators in development and implementation of the Technical Co-operation Programme; to widely publicize the clear and precise scope of their activity; and, before considering further expansion of the geographic coverage, evaluate the impact of the programme and take into account resources available.
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