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## CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE

### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

**Executive summary:** This document provides a summary of the outcome of the fifty-second session of the Technical Co-operation Committee (28 November 2002), the report of which is contained in documents TC 52/14 and TC 52/14/Corr.1. A summary of the outcome of the fifty-third session of the Technical Co-operation Committee (11-12 June 2003) will be submitted to this session of the Council as document C 90/7/1.

**Action to be taken:** The Council is invited to consider the report of the Committee on its fifty-second 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 52/14 and TC 52/14/Corr.1

1 The Technical Co-operation Committee (TCC) held its fifty-second session on Thursday, 28 November 2002 under the Chairmanship of Captain Moin Ahmed (Bangladesh).

#### Secretary-General's Opening Statement

2 The Secretary-General opened the session by expressing condolences to the Government of Senegal over the sinking of the M/V "Joola" in September 2002, which resulted in the tragic loss of over 1,000 lives. The Organization had provided assistance to the national authorities in the accident investigation, and would be ready to participate further in any initiatives to avoid the repetition of such a tragedy.

3 The Secretary-General provided an up-date on the new TC measures to be implemented under the Change Management Programme (CMP), in which the consolidation of the TC management function would include the introduction of a more results-based approach, supported by new performance indicators and monitoring tools. The new measures would allow a more flexible allocation of resources to the most productive activities.

4 Referring to the expansion of the Organization's regional outreach, the Secretary-General informed the Committee that in addition to strengthening the capacity of the existing regional co-ordination offices, IMO was extending the scheme to include two further offices in the South

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Asian and East Asian sub-regions, hosted by the Governments of India and the Philippines, respectively.

5 The Secretary-General updated the Committee on the progress made under the Global Programme on Ports and Ships Security through the development of a model training package, and a series of regional seminars. While reminding the Committee that acts of terrorism against shipping and ports were very much a reality and a continuing threat, the Secretary-General also urged the Member States and industry to join IMO in providing support for meeting the technical assistance needs related to the new security regime.

6 The Secretary-General concluded by recalling that the Committee would also re-examine its preferred option for the allocation of time for its meetings during the next biennium, which was to hold two sessions of three days each, one in 2004 and another in 2005 outside the Council week.

## **Work of other Bodies and Organizations**

### **IMO Model Audit Scheme**

7 The Committee considered the information relating to the IMO Model Audit Scheme, covering the underlying objectives, the scope, the suggested principles of audit and the basic development of an audit system. The Committee was reminded how the introduction of such a scheme would assist the Organization to improve flag State performance, and that Council had requested that it consider the Model Audit Scheme from a capacity building point of view.

8 During the discussion on this topic it was acknowledged that the success of the IMO Audit Scheme would be greater if all Member States volunteered themselves to be audited. Following its review of the draft Terms of Reference for the Joint MSC/MEPC/TCC Working Group for the further consideration of the voluntary Model Audit Scheme, the Committee noted a number of key issues of particular concern, and endorsed the proposal to participate in the Working Group. Delegations were urged to participate in this joint meeting.

9 In concluding this agenda item, there was a consensus that it would be useful for the Secretariat to identify the need for additional arrangements and resources to ensure the timely provision of technical assistance to developing countries following the results of an audit. In addition, the Secretariat was requested to examine the feasibility of establishing a financial facility similar to that established by ICAO for financing technical assistance projects aimed at assisting developing countries in dealing with deficiencies identified through the Audit Scheme.

### **ITCP Implementation**

10 The Committee was updated on the changes to Technical Co-operation under the Change Management Programme. The primary focus of this Project was to consolidate TC management responsibility, thereby improving the implementation rate for the delivery of the ITCP and maximizing the use of donor funds.

11 The new TC measures were approved by the Secretary-General on 4 September 2002, for immediate implementation under the leadership of the Director, TCD. The Committee was informed of the key innovations, including the establishment of a contractual framework between the Technical Co-operation Division and the Implementing Agents, an early-warning system to be triggered against specific milestones and benchmarks, and the introduction of contingency plans. TCD was recognized as the custodian of the regional dimension that drives every stage of

the planning and delivery of the ITCP. Roles and responsibilities for every component of the ITCP cycle were also clearly defined under a Functional Framework matrix.

12 Financial linkages and electronic data-retrieval were fundamental to support the new measures. The Committee was informed that in light of the current lack of a dedicated programme management software, the postponement of a decision on the recommended integrated data management system would have a significant impact, although some aspects of the new TC measures would go ahead, including the manual on TC procedures, the redesigning of processes, and the introduction of a new monitoring framework.

### **External constraints**

13 The Committee examined the information provided by the Secretariat on external constraints on the delivery and effectiveness of the ITCP and considered the suggestions for remedial action, including the parallel solutions that TCD had identified in co-operation with MSD, MED, and the Legal Division.

14 Various aspects of the provision of technical assistance through advisory missions and needs assessments were discussed. It was emphasised that great benefit was derived from the partnership agreements with certain Member States which had entered into Memoranda of Understanding with IMO under which they provided expert consultants on a no-fee basis. Other Member States were urged to enter into similar agreements with IMO.

### **Regional co-ordination and regional delivery**

15 The Committee received detailed information on the significant progress achieved in the development of partnership arrangements for the delivery of the ITCP. In particular, a number of Memoranda of Understanding were signed or extended, as follows:

- .1 the extension to 31 December 2003 of the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between IMO and the Governments of Kenya, Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire with respect to the IMO regional presence offices for the Eastern and Southern Africa and Western and Central Africa (Anglophone and Francophone) subregions;
- .2 the extension of the IMO regional presence scheme through the establishment of two offices in the East Asian and South Asian subregions, in India and the Philippines respectively;
- .3 an MOU was signed between IMO and the Secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in September 2002, in the context of a joint project on the updating of maritime legislation in the ASEAN countries;
- .4 an MOU between IMO and the Prefectura Naval Argentina (PNA) was signed on 20 July 2002, giving IMO access to the technical experts of the PNA for the delivery of advisory missions and training events in Latin American countries;
- .5 a similar MOU was signed by IMO on 28 November 2002 with the Directorate General of the Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine of Chile, for the provision of technical experts and instructors on a no-fee basis, also to support Latin American countries; and

- .6 with respect to REMPEITC-Carib, an MOU between the Government of the Netherlands Antilles, IMO and UNEP was signed on 26 September 2002, to formalize the new status of the Centre as a Regional Activity Centre under the Cartagena Convention and UNEP's Caribbean Environment Programme.

16 IMO also participated in the formulation of the revised Strategy and Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Eastern and Southern Africa (SPMEESA) covering the period 2002-2005; in the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Programme, notably in the component for the improvement of transport infrastructure which was developed by the African Development Bank (ADB), the World Bank and IMO; and in the African Process, an African-driven initiative which was supported by UNEP, IMO, UNESCO, IOC and ACOPS.

### **Global programme on maritime security**

17 The Committee was informed that the global maritime security programme, launched in February 2002 in response to Assembly resolution A.924(22), was fully on track. Following completion of a training package, seven subregional seminars/workshops were held between July and November 2002 in Kenya, (Eastern and Southern Africa), Singapore (East Asia), Australia (Pacific Islands), Egypt (Arab and Mediterranean States), Uruguay (ROCRAM countries), Panama (ROCRAM-CA countries) and Poland (Baltic Sea region), with the participation of 86 countries, two Associate Members and a total of 306 trainees.

18 The Committee reiterated its earlier appeal to all development partners to contribute financial, human, and/or in-kind resources for this important programme, and especially appealed for the provision of training.

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

19 In a verbal up-date on progress in the establishment of the inter-active website on the Partnerships for Progress Inventory, the Committee was informed that good progress had been made in the development of a website termed MARTECAID (Maritime Technical Aid). Structured through an *extranet* to ensure dedicated links with Member States and donors, MARTECAID would provide a global interface with Member States, NGOs, IGOs and other development agencies. The Director, TCD, outlined the technical modalities regarding the submission and up-dating of information to the website, and indicated that further information, including comprehensive details on the procedure for registering an official login name and password, would be provided through a Circular Letter when the website became operational.

20 The Committee urged Member States involved in providing technical assistance within the maritime sector, to take the MARTECAID information into consideration when planning their respective technical assistance programmes.

### **Resource mobilization**

#### **Technical Co-operation Fund – Final report on the activities of the 2000-2001 Programme**

21 The Committee was informed that the information provided under this item had already been noted by the Council at its eighty-ninth session.

### **Other sources of funding, and contributions in kind**

22 The Committee was informed that considerable efforts were made to diversify the resource base of the ITCP, as reflected in the development of recent new partnerships with the European Commission, France, Italy, the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom. In addition, the Republic of Korea had provided an additional contribution of US\$150,000; and MOUs had been signed with the Prefectura Naval Argentina and with the Directorate General of the Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine of Chile. A new partnership had been launched with Germany to provide maritime security assistance, including national workshops, in Indonesia.

23 The Committee expressed its thanks to the donors that had continued and expanded their partnerships with the Organization.

### **Women in development**

24 The IMO Focal Point for Women in the Maritime Sector reported verbally on key activities implemented under the IMO Women in Development Programme, including the outcome of the Impact Assessment Exercise conducted in January 2001. In addition to an overall commendation for the sound institutional framework and practical focus of the programme, the review concluded that, without the support of the IMO WID Programme, none of the women who benefited under the special funding would have had access to specialized maritime training. Over the previous decade, IMO had successfully fostered the promotion of this topic through regional sensitization seminars, which the Impact Assessment Exercise supported as a constructive way of enhancing the visibility and impact of women in the maritime industry.

25 The report concluded that the Special Fellowship Programme for Women had made a notably favourable impact on the way women are perceived within the maritime employment sector. As a result, it was decided to reinforce the Programme through the injection of financial support from the TC Fund on a biennial basis.

26 The Committee recognized that the role of women in the maritime sector is central to the general capacity-building and the strengthening of resources in developing countries.

### **Access to IMO instruments in electronic format**

27 The Committee discussed two documents, submitted by the Secretariat and by Argentina respectively, relating to the proposal that the Organization should consider the possibility of making its instruments available to Member States on its website.

28 The Committee was informed that the Organization's primary objective was to ensure that its publications reached as many readers and users in the maritime community as possible and at all levels: over 130 distributors worldwide were used by the IMO Publishing Service to distribute more than 80% of the Organization's publications, with every effort being made to increase the number of agents. A raft of promotional efforts had been put into practice over the years, and, additionally, the increasing use of online purchasing of publications by the industry had led to utilizing the Internet for publicising IMO titles via its website.

29 The delegation of Argentina introduced its document on this issue, proposing that access should be free to Member States, NGOs, and UN agencies.

30 The Committee debated a number of aspects arising from the documents (details outlined in paragraphs 9.6 to 9.14 of document TC 52/14), before agreeing that the Secretariat should make a further assessment on parameters of the test's success criteria, and report to the next session of TCC in June 2003. The trial test could then be expected to commence in July 2003, when the four instruments requested would be placed in their original form as PDF (portable document format) read-only files on the IMO website.

### **Rules of procedure and methods of work of the Committee**

31 The Committee considered its Rules of Procedure, and the allocation of time to the Committee's sessions during 2004-2005.

32 It was agreed that the Secretariat should examine further the alignment of the Committee's Rules of Procedure with those of other organs, and report at TC 53 so that adoption of the Rules of Procedure would be finalized at that session in June 2003.

### **Future work programme of the Committee**

33 The Committee considered the allocation of meeting time and priorities for the next two sessions of TCC to be held in 2004 and 2005, based on the assumption that the decision would be taken to hold two 3-day sessions in the biennium. The Committee also reviewed a proposal for the long-term work plan of the Committee for the period up to 2010, prior to submitting the work plan to the ninetieth session of the Council.

34 The Committee took note of the information provided and approved its future work programme as set out at annex 1 to this report.

35 With respect to the long-term work plan to the year 2010, the Committee noted that this would be forwarded to the Council for submission to the twenty-third session of the Assembly, and approved the related proposals as set out in annex 2 to document C 90/21.

36 The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that the Committee required more time and that it should meet independently of the Council, holding a meeting of three days in each year of the biennium 2004-2005. The Committee suggested that such meetings should be held in the week preceding the Council, taking account of the need to report to the Council and obtain approval for the allocation of TC Fund resources for the implementation of the ITCP.

### **Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2003**

37 The Committee unanimously re-elected Captain Moin Ahmed (Bangladesh) as Chairman and Mr. Jean-Marc Schindler (France) as Vice-Chairman for the year 2003.

### **Other matters**

38 No documents were submitted under this agenda item.

### Action requested of the Council

39 The Council is invited to:

- .1 note the Committee's decision to participate actively in the joint Working Group on the Model Audit Scheme – to be comprised of MEPC, MSC and TCC and to be convened at MSC 77 – and to continue its consideration of the capacity-building implications of the scheme (document TC 52/14, paragraph 2.14 refers);
- .2 note the Committee's endorsement, subject to final approval by the Council, of the draft terms of reference (C 89/WP.1/Rev.1) for the above-mentioned joint Working Group, and its particular interest in paragraph 2 of the terms of reference and items 1.1.2 to 1.1.5 of the annex to those terms of reference (document TC 52/14, paragraph 2.15 refers);
- .3 note the Committee's appreciation of the Secretary-General's decisions to introduce a new technical co-operation management and monitoring system as a result of the outcome of the TC project of the Change Management Programme (Document TC 52/14, paragraphs 3.3 to 3.9 refer);
- .4 note, in this regard, the Committee's concern that the delay in introducing an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) or similar system will have an adverse impact on the implementation of the agreed technical co-operation management system and on the delivery of the ITCP (Document TC 52/14, paragraphs 3.10 to 3.15 refer);
- .5 note the Committee's approval of the solutions recommended by the Secretariat to overcome the identified external constraints to the implementation of the ITCP activities (document TC 52/14, paragraph 3.17 refers);
- .6 note, with appreciation, the Secretary-General's decision to extend the IMO regional presence scheme to South and East Asia, and his acceptance of the offers, by the Governments of India and the Philippines, respectively, to host the corresponding regional presence offices (document TC 52/14, paragraph 4.9 refers);
- .7 note also the Secretariat's continued efforts to establish new partnerships with national and regional institutions and organizations so as to expand the resource base of the ITCP, decentralize further the implementation of programme activities, and promote technical co-operation among developing countries (document TC 52/14, paragraph 4.10 refers);
- .8 note the Committee's appreciation of the excellent work carried out by the Secretariat to develop and implement the Organization's global programme on maritime security, resulting in the preparation of a model training package, its delivery in 2002 through seven subregional events held within a very tight schedule, and the provision of further assistance at national level through advisory missions, workshops and on-the-job training attachments (document TC 52/14, paragraphs 5.2 to 5.4 refer);
- .9 note further the Committee's recognition that the formal adoption of a new maritime security regime will increase demand for related technical assistance,

and that the Organization should make appropriate provision for this and also mobilize support from Member States, industry and other development partners (document TC 52/14, paragraphs 5.5 to 5.8 refer);

- .10 note that the Committee agreed that additional information be provided by the Secretariat on the details, parameters and implications of the proposed introduction, on a limited pilot basis, of a system providing free electronic access to IMO publications; subject to such approval, the additional information would be submitted to the Committee's fifty-third session with a view to the pilot phase starting in July 2003 should the scheme be approved by the Committee and the Council (document TC 52/14, paragraphs 9.7 to 9.15 refer);
- .11 approve the Committee's final recommendation that, for the biennium 2004-2005, it be allocated two annual sessions of three days each, to be convened outside and prior to the Council's June sessions which will be considered under item 18 of the Council's agenda;
- .12 approve the long-term work plan of the Committee (up to 2010) for submission to the twenty-third regular session of the Assembly and inclusion in the Long Term Work Plan of the Organization (up to 2010) which will be considered under item 21 of the Council's agenda;
- .13 approve, on that basis, the Committee's future work programme for the biennium 2004-2005 (document TC 52/14, paragraph 11.2 and the annex refer);
- .14 note the report of the Committee on its fifty-second session and make such comments and give such guidance to the Committee, as it deems appropriate; and
- .15 transmit the report of the Committee's fifty-second session, with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-third regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

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## ANNEX

**PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE BIENNIUM 2004-2005**

Work of the Committee	2004	2005
	TC 54 (3 days)	TC 55 (3 days)
Biennial Report on the ITCP (2002- 2003)	X	
Interim Report on status of ITCP implementation (2004-2005)		X
Regional Co-ordination and Delivery	X	X
Global Programme on Maritime Security	X	X
Capacity building aspects of the Model Audit Scheme	X	X
Electronic access to IMO publications	X	X
Partnerships for progress programme	X	X
Women in Development programme	X	X
WMU, IMLI, IMA,	X	X
Work of other bodies and organizations	X	X
Review technical co-operation objectives and goals	X	
Approve the ITCP for 2006-2007 and recommend level of funding required for TC Fund core programme		X
Long-term financing for the ITCP by the Member States	X	X
The Committee's work programme for 2006-2007		X
The Committee's long-term work plan (to 2012)		X
Election of officers	X	X
Other matters	X	X