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### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of the fifty-ninth session of the Technical Co-operation Committee
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#### INTRODUCTION

1 The report of the fifty-ninth session of the Technical Co-operation Committee (TC 59/WP.1, TC 59/WP.1/Add.1 and TC 59/WP.1/Add.2)<sup>1</sup> is submitted to the 102nd session of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 44 of the IMO Convention.

2 The fifty-ninth session of the Committee was held from 23 to 25 June 2009 under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Owusu-Mensah (Ghana), and was attended by sixty-eight Member States, five intergovernmental organizations and four non-governmental organizations.

3 Decisions taken by the Committee during the session under review are summarized in the following paragraphs.

<sup>1</sup> The report of the session will be circulated as document TC 59/16.

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## **INTEGRATED TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME (ITCP)**

### **Interim report on 2008-2009**

4 The Committee received an interim report on the status of the ITCP implementation for the period 2008-2009, which summarized the results of implementation achieved during 2008 through programme deliverables. Information was also provided on in-kind support and on financial resource delivery.

5 One of the key outcomes was the expenditure of US\$10.3 million on activities implemented at the regional and global levels during 2008, marking a delivery rate of 77% for the year. Outputs included 41 advisory missions, 36 consultancy missions and 76 training events, including courses, seminars and workshops which resulted in the training of some 1,923 participants worldwide, reflecting the importance given to training and capacity-building.

6 The Committee noted that 189 maritime officials had attended events aimed at developing and harmonizing regional strategies on a maritime technical issue. The statistics indicated the range of coverage that the ITCP had achieved on long-term and on emerging issues, which were of fundamental relevance to the maritime administrations of the developing regions.

7 The Committee was informed that the ITCP donor base had increased to 21 major sources of funding. Moreover, the increasingly significant support of the TC Fund to the ITCP had risen from representing only US\$4.5 million in 2007 to US\$4.6 million in 2008, and, significantly, represented 44% of the overall total funds expended in 2008, almost ten percentage points up from 34% in 2007, thus substantiating the dependence of the ITCP on the TC Fund.

8 The Committee referred to the meticulous financial reporting and, in particular, commended the high delivery rate of 77%. The data reflected the fact that the ITCP was an indispensable mechanism for a great many regions, playing an essential role in fostering capacity-building and the transfer of knowledge which resulted in the strengthening of regional maritime competencies.

9 On being informed of the commissioning of subregional maritime rescue coordination centres and subcentres throughout Africa (including one in Monrovia, Liberia and two in Dar es Salaam and Victoria, respectively), the Committee expressed appreciation to the host countries, IMO and individuals involved.

10 The Committee thanked the four IMO regional coordinators and the Regional Maritime Adviser for the Caribbean, for their tireless work in assisting their respective regions.

11 The Committee took note, with appreciation, of the sustained level of financial delivery against activities implemented through the Secretariat, which was made possible by the increased donor base in conjunction with the strengthening of donor partnership arrangements with IMO.

12 The Committee also took note of the information in the interim report on the ITCP for 2008-2009 under documents TC 59/2 and TC 59/2/Add.1 and that provided orally, and thanked the donors and recipients who had made cash contributions to the bi- and multi-lateral technical co-operation trust funds and/or provided in-kind support to facilitate the implementation of ITCP activities and encouraged them to continue and, if possible, increase their financial and in-kind support.

### **Linkage between the ITCP and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

13 The Committee noted the information contained in document TC 59/3 and the positive steps taken by the Secretariat in the promotion and implementation of Assembly resolution A.1006(25) on the linkage between the ITCP and the MDGs, including activities related to the five relevant MDGs in the ITCP for the 2008-2009 biennium.

14 The Committee noted that meeting the special needs of Africa was one of the key objectives of the UN MDGs and of the ITCP, as was support to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The Committee also noted that the Organization's Integration of Women in the Maritime Sector (IWMS) programme continued to be the primary vehicle for articulating the UN system-wide commitment to gender equality and the empowerment of women in support of UN MDG 3 "Promote gender equality and empower women".

15 The Committee took note of the studies carried out to assess the impact of HIV/AIDS in the ports of Mombasa, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, implemented by IMO in conjunction with the Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa (PMAESA). The Committee further noted the priority accorded to HIV/AIDS issues by the association for "Women in Maritime Philippines" (WIMAPHIL).

16 The Committee:

- .1 noted the positive steps taken by the Secretariat, Member States and industry in the development and improvement of partnership arrangements for technical co-operation in order to ensure the long-term and sustainable delivery of ITCP activities; and
- .2 urged Member States to voluntarily utilize the Maritime Capacity Checklist, and the Maritime Capacity Analysis tool, annexed to resolution A.1006(25), to analyse and assess their levels of maritime capacity progress.

17 In this context, several delegations invited the Committee to continue giving high priority to activities, which not only promoted the early ratification and effective implementation of IMO instruments, but also contributed to the attainment of the MDGs, taking into account the special needs of LDCs and SIDS, and the particular maritime transport needs of Africa.

### **Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme for 2010-2011**

18 The Committee reviewed the proposed ITCP for 2010-2011 (document TC 59/4), which included a mission statement and priorities, long-term goals, strategic plans for the Organization (2004-2010, 2006-2011 and 2008-2013), thematic priorities and also a description of IMO's role in promoting sustainable socio-economic development through institutional capacity-building and human resource development. The Committee noted that regional and global programmes for the new ITCP for 2010-2011 reflected the thematic priorities and established new medium-term goals that had been reviewed by the MSC and the FAL Committee in December 2008 and January 2009, respectively. It was further noted that the new ITCP also included revised thematic priorities and new medium-term goals for the MEPC, which were expected to be approved in July 2009.

19 The proposed ITCP comprised 14 programmes (seven regional and seven global) with funding requirements of some US\$22.44 million. Full programme delivery would depend on the availability of the required resources, and it was noted that the proposed ITCP should be viewed as a living programme, to be adjusted as circumstances required.

20 The Committee took note of the menace caused by piracy and armed robbery against ships, particularly, in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden, and the relentless efforts of the Organization to contribute to the resolution of the problem. It further noted that activities for the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct, concerning the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden, had been included in the proposed ITCP for 2010-2011.

21 The Committee expressed appreciation for the comprehensive, well-structured and realistic fashion in which the programme, had been presented, and approved the ITCP for 2010-2011.

### **Regional Senior Maritime Administrators' Workshop (Jamaica, March 2009)**

22 The Committee noted information on the outcome of a Regional Senior Maritime Administrators' Workshop, held in Jamaica on 23 and 24 March 2009, in particular, information on the Jamaica Resolution 2009, and a prioritized list of technical assistance needed with identified areas of intra-regional co-operation in support of maritime safety, security and marine environment protection activities.

### **Project profile for the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct**

23 The Committee took note of the information in document TC 59/4/2, which outlined the proposed technical assistance activities pursuant to the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct.

24 The Committee was informed that following a subregional meeting on maritime security, piracy and armed robbery against ships for western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden States, which was held in Djibouti from 26 to 29 January 2009, the Secretariat had developed a proposed programme of eight activities, which would be conducted in co-operation with other United Nations agencies, States and development partners when preparing the new ITCP for the 2010-2011 biennium.

25 The Committee further noted that, pursuant to the Djibouti Meeting, the Seoul High-Level Meeting on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia had been held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 9 and 10 June 2009.

26 The Committee expressed its gratitude to the Government of Japan for its very generous donation of US\$15 million to implement (through the Fund referred to in the ensuing paragraph) these projects and, in particular, to support efforts to establish information centres in Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen, and a training centre in Djibouti, to provide support for the development of national legislation and to help regional States develop maritime situational awareness. The Committee also expressed its gratitude to the Netherlands for their stated intention to make a contribution to the Fund referred to in the ensuing paragraph.

27 The Secretariat confirmed that a separate multi-donor trust fund would be established at IMO, as the “IMO Djibouti Code Trust Fund”, to support technical co-operation activities required for capacity-building in the region for the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct, and that it would ensure close contact with the Contact Group on Piracy off the coast of Somalia (CGPCS), in order to avoid conflict of interest or duplication of activities, so that the IMO Djibouti Code Trust Fund and the International Trust Fund to be established under the CGPCS would not operate in competition, but in a complementary manner.

#### **Development of ITCP – Millennium Development Goals – Trade Facilitation and Aid for Trade**

28 The Committee, in document TC 59/4/3, submitted by the Governments of the Netherlands, South Africa and Sweden, was informed that trade facilitation was high on the UN agenda and that it was important that FAL activities were included in the ITCP for 2010-2011.

29 The Committee was further informed that trade facilitation involved many UN agencies and that IMO, therefore, had an important role to play in coordinating activities under the “Delivery as One” theme in order to achieve a more efficient logistical chain, particularly as regards improving the situation in developing countries.

30 The Committee took note of the information provided and thanked the Netherlands, South Africa and Sweden for submitting it. In light of the comments made and following the Secretary-General’s intervention, the Committee requested the Secretariat to transmit document TC 59/4/3 to the next session of the FAL Committee, together with an analysis of associated implications, for consideration, comments and advice to TC 60.

#### **FINANCING THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME (ITCP)**

##### **Technical Co-operation Fund: Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme allocation for 2010-2011**

31 The Committee had before it the Secretary-General’s proposals for the biennial allocation from the TC Fund to support the implementation of the ITCP for 2010-2011 (documents TC 59/5 and TC 59/5/Corr.1), requiring an allocation of US\$14 million from the TC Fund to support the implementation of the priority elements of the approved ITCP. The Committee noted that the overall allocation would cover 62% of the total requirement of the ITCP.

32 The Committee’s attention was drawn to the seven global programmes proposed under the global category for 2010-2011, and will concentrate on: (a) ITCP strategy and programme development, including the continued provision of technical advisory services, support to SIDS and the LDCs for their special shipping needs, strengthening the integration of women in the maritime sector and support to training institutions and fellowship financing; (b) the promotion of partnerships with technical co-operation partners to ensure effective and sustainable delivery of the ITCP; (c) enhancement of maritime security; and (d) assistance in capacity-building aspects of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

33 The Committee approved the proposed biennial allocation of US\$14 million from the TC Fund for its programmed use during 2010-2011.

34 The Committee noted the efforts that the Secretariat had taken towards securing economies in delivery costs for the TC Fund through the use of regional partnerships and cost-sharing with other donors, where feasible. Savings had also been made through the provision of in-kind support, such as seminar hostship facilities and the provision of consultants on a no-fee basis.

35 The Committee:

- .1 recommended the proposed biennial allocation from the TC Fund and its programmed use during 2010-2011;
- .2 approved the transfer of £7,156,000 from the surplus of the Printing Fund (and, if established, the Trading Fund) to the TC Fund, for the 2010-2011 biennium;
- .3 authorized the Secretary-General to use, during the next biennium, the un-programmed funds of the TC Fund, as appropriate, should demands or partnership opportunities arise; and
- .4 requested that its views and recommendations be conveyed to the Council at its 102nd session, for consideration and endorsement when the latter considers relevant proposals for the next biennium.

### **Voluntary Trust Funds**

36 The Committee had before it documents TC 59/6 and TC 59/6/Add.1, which provided updated information on voluntary trust funds and cash donations made to IMO technical co-operation activities since 3 June 2008, including information on voluntary donation of interest earnings under the Contributions Incentive Scheme (CIS) to the TC Fund made by Member States since resolution A.993(25) was adopted.

37 The Committee noted the status of the four multi-donor trust funds in operation, and that 17 bilateral technical co-operation trust funds were providing financial support for IMO's technical assistance activities. Since the Secretariat's report to TC 58 in June 2008, some US\$3,246,000 had been contributed to the multilateral and bilateral trust funds held by IMO.

38 The Committee also noted that, during the period from 3 June 2008 to 31 May 2009, cash donations to ITCP activities and the Tsunami Maritime Relief Fund amounted to US\$410,657 and that voluntary contributions, made by Member States to the TC Fund or other IMO Funds, of interest earnings accumulated under the CIS during the same period, amounted to £207,349.

### **Sustainable financing of the ITCP**

39 The Committee had before it document TC 59/6/1 on the sustainable financing of the ITCP, which provided information on the implementation of the approved strategy for long-term financing of the ITCP, as provided in document TC 57/5/2, and in particular, developments related to ITCP resource mobilization that had taken place since TC 58.

40 The Committee took note of the actions taken by the Secretariat to identify measures for reducing costs of ITCP delivery and to explore alternative sources of financial support for the ITCP.

41 The Committee agreed to transmit the recommendations in the Consultants' report to the Council and, in particular:

- .1 noted the new developments that had taken place since TC 58, including the establishment of the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Trust Fund, the Global Industry Alliance (GIA) for Marine Biosecurity, the possibility of using the Republic of Korea's Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) for ITCP activities and the seeking of international expertise on fund-raising;

- .2 noted that the recently launched GIA for Marine Biosecurity could be a model between IMO and the global shipping industry, which could be replicated in other thematic areas of the ITCP;
- .3 noted the initiative taken by the Republic of Korea to explore the use of its ODA fund for the maritime sector;
- .4 noted the recommendations made by the external consultants on resource mobilization and the Secretariat's proposal of the way forward in this regard; and
- .5 noted that IMO needs to gain wider recognition by the donor community.

#### **IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES DURING 2004-2007: FOLLOW-UP**

42 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 59/7 on the follow-up to the Impact Assessment Exercise (IAE) 2004-2007.

43 The Committee recalled that the purpose and the general principles governing the IAEs, as agreed by the Committee at TC 47 in 2000, were to determine whether the ITCP was contributing successfully to the IMO's technical co-operation objective of wider acceptance and implementation of IMO instruments in the regions, and that it would be carried out every four years, and provide a report assessing the impact on the beneficiaries of the assistance delivered through the ITCP and the TC Fund resources. The Committee noted that the next IAE, covering the period 2008-2011, as stated in document TC 59/4, would be conducted in 2012 and submitted to its sixty-second session.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRESS**

44 The Committee received a report (document TC 59/8) entitled "Partnerships for progress" on the status of the IMO Regional Coordination scheme and on the progress made towards achieving the objective of decentralizing the implementation of the ITCP, through the IMO regional presence scheme in Africa, east Asia and the Caribbean, as well as through partnership arrangements with regional organizations and institutions in other regions. The document also gave an update on the implementation of Assembly resolution A.965(23) on "Development and Improvement of Partnership Arrangements for Technical Co-operation".

45 The Committee noted with appreciation the activities of the four regional coordinators in Africa and in the Philippines, respectively, and of the Regional Maritime Adviser in the Caribbean, who had all carried out needs assessment and/or advisory missions and represented IMO at various regional and subregional meetings. The Committee took note, in particular, of the actions taken by the regional coordinators towards the commissioning of two Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres (MRCCs) in Nigeria and Liberia, as well as two subcentres in the Seychelles and the United Republic of Tanzania. As far as the fifth regional MRCC in Morocco was concerned, the Committee also noted the actions taken by the regional coordinators towards its commissioning and towards the installation of equipment in the remaining MRSCs.

46 The Committee was informed that since TC 58 in June 2008, 66 partnership arrangements were in operation, including some 14 new partnerships established with nine Member States and six institutions and industry organizations. These efforts had contributed to an increase in the number of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements for technical co-operation since the last TCC. In addition, some 70 missions and national/regional seminars and workshops had taken place in 2008 with the close coordination and co-operation of regional institutions and donor communities.

47 In conclusion, the Committee noted the information provided in document TC 59/8, and in particular:

- .1 noted that the regional coordination and delivery of the ITCP mechanism had continued to function successfully in Africa and east Asia through the regional presence scheme and in the Caribbean through the Regional Maritime Adviser;
- .2 noted that the delivery of technical assistance through IMO's regional and national partners had a positive impact and contributed greatly to the effective coordination and implementation of IMO activities in all regions;
- .3 noted the progress made by Member States and the Secretariat with respect to the development of and improvements to partnership arrangements for technical co-operation, as called for by resolution A.965(23);
- .4 recorded its thanks and appreciation to the host countries of IMO's regional presence offices (Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, the Philippines and Trinidad and Tobago) and to all the regional, national and industry partners who were, or had been, involved in regional coordination and delivery, as well as to the donors for their financial contributions and support; and
- .5 urged IMO's development partners to continue to co-operate and assist IMO in the implementation of ITCP activities.

#### **VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME**

48 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 59/9, on the status of implementation of the global technical co-operation programme on the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme (VIMSAS), through which, a total of 201 auditors from 134 countries had been completed. In addition, as of 2 April 2009, 156 individuals had been nominated by their governments for inclusion in the roster of auditors.

49 The Committee noted document TC 59/9/1 presented by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the measures its government had taken with respect to the Audit Scheme, and also noted the document presented by the delegation of Japan, on the delivery of a regional training course for auditors held in Japan (TC 59/INF.3).

#### **PROGRAMME FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE MARITIME SECTOR**

50 The Committee received the status report (document TC 59/10) on the implementation of the Programme for the Integration of Women in the Maritime Sector (IWMS), which, in 2008, had supported a number of training fellowships in port management and the protection of the marine environment, and the establishment of formal networks or associations for women employed in the maritime sector, in ports, and in related maritime employment.

51 The Committee noted that assistance had been provided for the strategic development of the association for Women in the Maritime Sector for East and Southern Africa (WOMESA), which was leading the way through its methodology. A key output included the approval of the WOMESA Strategy for 2009-2013 by the Second Meeting of the Governing Council, held in Mombasa, Kenya on 5 December 2008.



52 The Committee took note of the report on the implementation activities undertaken under the IWMS Programme from January to December 2008, and commended the Organization for the action taken since 1988 to strengthen regional capacities by encouraging and facilitating the training of women in all maritime subjects.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FELLOWSHIPS**

##### **World Maritime University**

53 The Committee received a summary under document TC 59/11, of the Council documents C 102/15(a), C 102/15(a)/Corr.1 and C 102/15(a)/Corr.2 on the twentieth-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University (WMU) meeting. In addition, a summary of the Council document C 102/15(a)/Add.1 on the recommendations made to the Board on proposed amendments to the University Charter and document C 102/15(b), on the budget for 2009.

54 The Committee was informed that the University had celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 2008, with two high-profile international conferences on climate change and women in the maritime industry. High levels of success had been attained in student enrolment, research, short-term professional development courses, consultancy work and academic publications, albeit against a background of financial uncertainty. As of the end of 2008, there were a total of 2,670 WMU graduates from 157 countries and territories around the world.

55 The Committee welcomed Dr. Björn Kjerfve, who had been recently appointed as the President of the University, and was attending TCC for the first time.

56 The Committee noted that the challenges experienced by the University in the year under review underlined the need for a solid funding basis, to keep pace with future needs and the changing demands of the maritime world. The financial uncertainty ahead emphasized the need for a broader community of donors for the University's funding and for new donors to come forward to supplement traditional supporters.

57 The Committee noted with appreciation the reports presented on the WMU.

##### **IMO International Maritime Law Institute**

58 The Committee was referred, under document 59/11/1, to the corresponding Council documents C 102/16(a) and C 102/16(b), which presented the twentieth Annual Report of the Governing Board of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), on the Institute's operations and budget for the academic years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 and its budget for 2010.

59 The Committee was informed that IMLI's contribution to the international maritime community had been given official recognition by the United Nations General Assembly in a resolution entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea", which was adopted in December 2008.

60 The Committee was also informed that, by the end of the 2007-2008 academic year, a total of 428 students from 111 countries and territories worldwide had successfully graduated from the Institute's LL.M. programme.

61 The Committee noted the Governing Board's appreciation to those donors whose sustained contributions, in 2008-2009, either by general donations to the Institute's funds or by the donation of scholarships, had been of substantive assistance to IMLI's development. In

particular: the Nippon Foundation for the provision of ten full scholarships per academic year in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, the “Euromed Cooperation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED” project for financing ten scholarships between 2006 and 2009, the Lloyd’s Register Educational Trust, for providing three scholarships in each of the academic years 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, the Governments of Switzerland and the Republic of Korea, the Comité Maritime International Charitable Trust, the Neptune Orient Lines of Singapore and the Sea Pine Tree Foundation of the Republic of Korea.

62 The Committee noted with appreciation the reports and information provided on IMLI.

### **International Maritime Safety, Security and Environmental Academy (IMSSEA)**

63 The Committee had before it document TC 59/11/2 which contained the report on the inaugural activities of IMSSEA, following its establishment in 2008 by the Government of Italy.

64 The Committee was informed that, since its inaugural course on flag State implementation and port State control in October 2008, the Academy had conducted a further three courses covering search and rescue, marine accident investigation procedures and the handling of hazardous cargoes.

65 The Committee was urged to consider the Academy as a tool for the implementation of the ITCP activities and the transfer of knowledge and expertise to the highest global standards.

66 The Committee noted the information presented in relation to document TC 59/11/2. The Committee also noted document TC 59/INF.5, presented by the delegation of Italy, on the first Mediterranean Coastguard services Forum held in Genoa in May 2009.

### **RULES ON THE PLANNED OUTPUTS FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2008-2009**

67 The Committee took note of the information in document TC 59/12, which contained a status report on the outputs produced by the Committee during 2008-2009, and the proposed outputs of the Committee for 2010-2011.

68 Noting that the outputs had been prepared pursuant to resolution A.990(25) on the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2008-2009 biennium, the Committee reviewed the status of its planned outputs for the 2008-2009 biennium and considered and approved the proposed outputs for the 2010-2011 biennium.

69 The Committee instructed the Secretariat to finalize the planned outputs of the Committee for the 2008-2009 biennium and the proposed outputs for 2010-2011.

### **WORK OF OTHER BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

70 The Committee received the following summary reports on the work of other bodies and organizations including the following:

- .1 the outcome of C 100 and C 101; MSC 85; MEPC 58; and LC 30 (TC 59/13);
- .2 the outcome of FAL 35 (TC 59/13/Add.1); and
- .3 the outcome of LEG 95 (TC 59/13/Add.2).

71 The Committee noted the information on capacity-building activities, presented by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) under document TC 59/INF.4.

72 The Committee was informed of the outcome of the 101st session held in November 2008, including the approval, in principle, of the reconstitution of the Printing Fund as a “Trading Fund” for enhanced transparency under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The Council had cautioned that the TC Fund should continue to be replenished in such a manner as to ensure the proper delivery of the Organization’s technical co-operation programme.

73 The Committee noted the information provided in documents TC 59/13, TC 59/13/Add.1, TC 59/13/Add.2, on the work of other bodies, and under document TC 59/INF.4 on the capacity-building activities of the IHO.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

74 The Committee considered document TC 59/14, submitted by the Governments of Angola and South Africa, on the standardization and harmonization of norms and procedures of IMO regional presence offices, and comments made by the Secretariat thereon.

75 The Committee could not support document TC 59/14 at this session, for reasons of the cost implications involved, as well as the fact that an assessment of the scheme had recently been conducted and had concluded that nothing needed to be redressed.

76 The Committee agreed on substantive items to be included in the provisional agenda for its sixtieth session, as set out in document TC 59/WP.2/Rev.1.

#### **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2010**

77 The Committee, being advised that its Chairman, Mr. B. Owusu-Mensah (Ghana), was not offering himself for re-election, expressed appreciation for his services to the Organization, in general, and to the Committee, in particular, and wished him every success in his future endeavours.

78 The Committee unanimously elected Rear Admiral (ICG) Giancarlo Olimbo (Italy), as Chairman and Ms Nancy Karigithu (Kenya), as Vice-Chairman, for 2010, both by acclamation.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL**

79 The Council is invited to:

- .1 consider the report of the fifty-ninth session of the Committee and, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention, transmit it, with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly (paragraph 1);
- .2 note the ITCP interim report on 2008 and, in particular, the high-level of delivery achieved in 2008, both in terms of volume and delivery rate (paragraphs 11 and 12);
- .3 note the action taken to promote and implement resolution A.1006(25) on the linkage between the ITCP and the MDGs (paragraphs 13 and 16);

- .4 note the Committee's endorsement of the proposed ITCP for 2010-2011 (paragraph 21);
  - .5 approve the use of the TC Fund for the proposed activities under the ITCP for 2010-2011, and the proposed biennial allocation of US\$14 million from the TC Fund for that purpose (paragraph 35);
  - .6 approve the Secretary-General's proposal to transfer £7,156,000 from the surplus of the Printing Fund (and, if established, the Trading Fund) to the TC Fund, during the next biennium (paragraph 35);
  - .7 authorize the Secretary-General to use the unprogrammed funds of the TC Fund, during the next biennium, should demands or partnership opportunities arise (paragraph 35);
  - .8 note the status of financial contributions made by countries, organizations and industry to the ITCP and, in particular, the voluntary donations made by Member States in response to resolution A.993(25) on Voluntary donations of interest earnings under the Contributions Incentive Scheme to the TC Fund and other IMO Funds (paragraphs 36 to 38);
  - .9 note the measures taken by the Secretariat to implement the strategy for long-term financing of the ITCP as approved by TC 57 and, in particular, the recommended actions made by the external consultants on IMO fund-raising and the Secretariat's proposals on the way forward (paragraphs 39, 40 and 41);
  - .10 note the follow-up to the 2004-2007 Impact Assessment Exercise (paragraphs 42 and 43);
  - .11 note the contributions made to the effective coordination and implementation of IMO activities by the IMO regional presence in Africa, east Asia and in the Caribbean, as well as through partnerships arrangements as called for by resolution A.965(23) (paragraphs 44 to 47);
  - .12 note the Committee's endorsement of the report on the delivery of new technical assistance activities under the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme global programme (paragraph 48);
  - .13 note the establishment, in Genoa, Italy of the International Maritime Safety, Security and Environment Academy to deliver the maritime training and education programme previously provided by the Trieste Academy, which ceased to operate in 2005 (paragraph 63); and
  - .14 note the Committee's approval of the proposed outputs for the 2010-2011 biennium (paragraph 69).
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