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CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of the sixty-second session of the Technical Co-operation Committee
<i>Strategic directions:</i>	3, 4
<i>High-level actions:</i>	3.1.2, 3.2.1, 3.3.1, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.4, 4.0.1
<i>Planned outputs:</i>	3.1.1.2, 3.1.2.2, 3.2.1.2, 3.2.2.1, 3.3.1.1, 3.5.2.1, 3.5.3.1, 3.5.4.1, 4.0.1.6
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 22
<i>Related documents:</i>	C 108/10 and TC 62/WP.1

INTRODUCTION

1 The report of the sixty-second session of the Technical Co-operation Committee (TC 62/WP.1)¹ is submitted to the 108th session of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 44 of the IMO Convention.

2 The sixty-second session of the Committee was held from 6 to 8 June 2012 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nancy Karigithu (Kenya), and the Vice-Chairman, Dr. Sammy Park (Republic of Korea), was also present. It was attended by 61 Member States; one Associate Member; six intergovernmental organizations and one non-governmental organization. Representatives from the World Maritime University (WMU) and the International Maritime Safety, Security and Environment Academy (IMSSEA) also attended.

3 Decisions of the Committee of interest to the Council are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs with reference to the relevant paragraphs of document TC 62/WP.1.

INTEGRATED TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME: BIENNIAL REPORT ON 2010-2011

4 The Committee considered and approved the **Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme(ITCP): Biennial report on 2010-2011** (TC 62/WP.1, paragraphs 3.1 to 3.9), noting the expenditure of US\$15.47 million for 2011, the highest level of annual expenditure on IMO's technical co-operation ever recorded, representing a financial delivery rate

¹ The final report of the session will be circulated as document TC 62/15.

of 87 per cent of the resources programmed for that year. The Committee recognized the significant biennial outcomes that were achieved in assisting developing countries to meet their obligations as Parties to IMO instruments including, the training of 4,340 persons through 180 training events and the direct support to national maritime administrations resulting in the fielding of 45 technical advisory missions.

5 The Committee acknowledged, with appreciation, the Secretary-General's initiative on the **Review and Reform of Technical Co-operation** (TC 62/WP.1, paragraphs 3.10 to 3.12), relating to the creation of country profiles to address the real capacity-building needs of the developing countries. The Committee also strongly supported the Secretary-General's strategic direction for technical co-operation, to be implemented, inter alia, through enhanced assistance in the formulation of national maritime transport policies for developing countries and requested that a report on the development and the refinement of the draft country profile template be submitted to TC 63.

6 The Committee welcomed the measures to find new ways of improving the delivery of the ITCP, including exploring further options for facilitating the exchange of information; posting selected ITCP activities on the IMO website on a trial basis to improve the recruitment of experts for technical co-operation; and structuring ITCP output to ensure evaluation and feedback from participants who had attended training events (TC 62/WP.1, paragraphs 3.13 to 3.22).

SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OF THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

7 The Committee acknowledged the contribution, since 1 June 2011, of some US\$7.3 million to ITCP activities, through donations to the six multi-donor trust funds and the 19 financial arrangements held by IMO (TC 62/WP.1, paragraphs 4.1 to 4.4). The Committee also noted that one-off cash donations of US\$415,657 had been allocated to specific ITCP activities.

8 The Committee, noting the progress made on the issue of sustainable financing for the ITCP, urged Member States of the OECD², international and regional organizations to make financial contributions to the ITCP through their Official Development Assistance budgetary allocations.

LINKAGE BETWEEN THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME AND THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

9 The Committee, having considered the ongoing progress towards the promotion and implementation of Assembly resolution A.1006(25) on *The linkage between the ITCP and the Millennium Development Goals* (MDGs) (TC 62/WP.1, paragraphs 5.1 to 5.4), noted that the ITCP activities had contributed to all MDGs relevant to IMO's mandate and reiterated the need to establish closer linkages between the ITCP and the MDGs, particularly the elimination of extreme poverty (MDG 1). The Committee expressed the need for future ITCP reports to reflect more concrete achievements of linkage with MDGs.

² Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

10 The Committee supported the immediate implementation of the Terms of Reference for a demonstration project aimed at showing the potential role of maritime transport facilitation in the reduction of poverty (MDG 1), as proposed in the report of the Correspondence Group chaired by Angola (TC 62/WP.1, paragraph 5.5). The Committee requested that an initial report on the implementation of the demonstration be submitted to TC 64.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRESS

11 The Committee noted the progress made in the implementation of Assembly resolution A.965(23) on *Development and Improvement of Partnership Arrangements for Technical Co-operation* through the 75 partnership arrangements in operation. It noted the action taken to increase the number of partnership arrangements, while concurrently enhancing existing ones (TC 62/WP.1, paragraphs 6.1 to 6.5).

12 The Committee reaffirmed its appreciation to the host countries of the IMO regional presence offices (Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, the Philippines and Trinidad and Tobago) and to all technical co-operation partners for their financial contributions and in-kind support to implement the ITCP effectively.

13 The Committee commended the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) on the establishment of the IALA World-Wide Academy (WWA) and requested to be kept updated on the work carried out jointly between the International Hydrographic Organization, IALA and IMO, in the area of capacity-building under the "Delivering as One" initiative.

INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE MARITIME SECTOR

14 The Committee, noting the reinforcement of regional linkages through six national and regional associations, commended the forward-thinking initiatives taken under the programme on the Integration of women in the maritime sector (IWMS), to mainstream the participation of women in ITCP activities. The Committee recognized that the scope of the IWMS programme had been a major driving force in changing attitudes to human resources within national maritime administrations.

15 The Committee, in considering the information transmitted by the Association of Women Managers in the Maritime Sector in East and Southern Africa (WOMESA) and the Latin America Forum on women in the maritime sector (TC 62/WP.1, paragraphs 8.1 to 8.3), noted the requests expressed under resolutions "Capacity-building through WOMESA in support of women maritime administrators, cadets and seafarers", and "The contribution of women in the maritime sector to strengthen the development and sustainability of the maritime and ports community in Latin America", respectively.

16 The Committee, in considering the proposal to strengthen the advancement of women within the seafaring profession (TC 62/WP.1, paragraphs 8.4 to 8.6), noted the direct linkage between the challenges facing women working at sea and the issues highlighted under the IWMS programme, and by Women in Maritime Association, Asia and WOMESA. The Committee requested that further action be taken to develop this initiative to identify strategies which would benefit women seafarers, including collaboration with the Republic of Korea, and possible synergies with the International Labour Organization to enhance the working environment for women on board ship.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXERCISE 2008-2011

17 The Committee considered and noted the results of the Impact Assessment Exercise (IAE) 2008-2011 (TC 62/WP.1, paragraphs 10.1 to 10.7), carried out by a team of three external and independent consultants in accordance with the existing Technical Co-operation (TC) Fund Rules of Operation (clause 15 refers).

18 The Committee, in considering the 10 recommendations and five quick-win suggestions made by the IAE consultants to improve future development and the delivery of IMO's technical co-operation activities, requested that action be taken to implement the recommendations, where appropriate, and that a progress report be submitted to TC 63.

OTHER ITEMS

19 The Committee agreed the draft **Revised Rules of Operation of the Technical Co-operation Fund**, attached in the annex, to align them with both the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, adopted by IMO in January 2010, and the new procedures for the biennial Results-Based Budget. The Committee agreed to forward the draft Revised Rules of Operation of the TC Fund to this session of the Council, for consideration and approval.

20 The Committee approved its work programme for the period 2012-2016.

21 The Committee also made progress on other items including: the delivery of training courses for auditors under VIMSAS; capacity-building under the global maritime training institutions; and the revision of some of the Committee's planned outputs for the 2012-2013 biennium to ensure their alignment with the SMART³ objectives.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

22 The Council is invited to:

- .1 note the summary of the Committee's report on its sixty-second session (C 108/10/Add.1), in particular the ITCP biennial report on 2010-2011 (paragraph 4); and the recommendations of the IAE 2008-2011 (paragraph 18);
- .2 approve the Revised Rules of Operation of the Technical Co-operation Fund (paragraph 19); and
- .3 authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee's sixty-second session to the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention (paragraph 1).

³ Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic and Time-Bound

ANNEX

DRAFT REVISED RULES OF OPERATION OF THE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FUND

Purpose

1 ~~The Technical Co-operation Fund was established by resolution A.593(14) of 20 November 1985, which also resolved that the interest from this fund should be used to assist the Technical Co-operation Programme of the Organization in accordance with proposals approved by the Assembly. In accordance with resolutions A.837(19) and A.873(20), the Technical Co-operation Fund (TC Fund) is a mechanism for the delivery of the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP).~~

2 In accordance with the decisions of the Technical Co-operation Committee (TCC), ~~the Council~~ and the Assembly relating to IMO's technical co-operation policies and strategies – as enshrined in resolution A.901(21) – the resources of the TC Fund shall be used to assist developing countries in building human and institutional capacities for the effective implementation and enforcement of the global maritime standards adopted by the Organization.

Resources

3 The resources of the TC Fund shall include:

- .1 the initial capital base and subsequent transfers from the ~~Trading~~Printing Fund authorized by the Assembly in resolutions ~~A.1014(26)-A.837(19) and A.873(20)~~;
- .2 such additional transfers from other funds of the Organization as may be approved by the Assembly;
- .3 contributions from Member States (including donations made under the contributions incentive scheme) and other donors (countries, institutions, the private sector and individuals); and
- .4 any income arising from investments of the TC Fund.

General principles for the allocation of the TC Fund resources

4 Unless otherwise directed by the TCC, the Council or the Assembly, the resources of the TC Fund shall be used to finance or co-finance activities that support the objectives, priorities and key principles of the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP) ~~set out in resolution A.901(21)~~.

5 The resources of the TC Fund shall be expended, so far as possible, in developing countries as well as for developing countries.

6 The Secretariat shall submit to the TCC ~~and the Council~~, for approval, proposals for the annual allocations of TC Fund resources to support the delivery of the ITCP during a biennium ~~(hereinafter "the biennial allocations")~~. Such proposals shall identify the ITCP components to be supported, their relationship to the ~~major programmes and programmes of the~~ Organization's Strategic and High-level Action Plans, as well as their objectives and funding requirements.

7 Following approval by the TCC, the proposals will be incorporated in the draft Results-Based Budget for the biennium for approval by the Council and adoption by the Assembly.

~~87~~ Following approval of the ~~annual~~biennial allocations, any remaining resources shall continue to be maintained in the TC Fund.

Commitment/expenditure of TC Fund resources

~~98~~ The Financial Regulations and Financial Rules of the Organization shall govern the administration and use of TC Fund resources.

~~109~~ The annual budgets approved by the Assembly~~biennial allocations~~ may be committed and expended following approval by the Secretary-General of programme implementation documents covering the corresponding ITCP components. Such documents shall be prepared by the Secretariat and shall include the following elements: justification, objectives, activities, expected outputs, inputs, budgets, and provisions for reporting, monitoring and evaluation.

~~1140~~ TC Fund resources assigned to individual ~~activities~~programmes may be carried over to subsequent years if certain obligations which are created in respect of the activities~~the programmes~~ in question have not yet been ~~liquidated~~completed in the year of their approval.

~~1244~~ The resources of the TC Fund may be drawn upon to fund temporarily approved ~~ITCP programme~~ expenditure pending receipt of agreed donor contributions. The resources of the TC Fund may also be used to fund expenditure on abortive work arising from the Organization's ~~ITCP programme~~ activities, with the agreement of the Secretary-General.

~~1342~~ The Secretary-General may authorize transfers of TC Fund resources, within the approved budgets~~biennial allocations~~, for the following purposes:

- .1 to prevent the approved budgets~~biennial allocations~~ from being tied up unnecessarily; and
- .2 to allow such resources to be transferred to other components of the ITCP.

~~1413~~ In circumstances when demands arise, for which resources have not been programmed, the Secretary-General shall ~~seek~~request the Council's approval~~authorization~~ to draw upon the un-programmed monies of the TC Fund.

Reporting on progress and impact

~~1514~~ The Secretariat will report ~~biennially~~ to the TCC and the Council⁴ on progress made in the delivery of those ITCP components that are being supported with TC Fund resources. Such reports will include data on:

⁴ Through the reports of TCC sessions to the Council.

- .1 the individual programmes that are being delivered with TC Fund resources and their relationship to the ~~major programmes and programmes of the Organization's~~ Strategic and High-level Action Plans;
- .2 the results of programme activities in the developing regions; and
- .3 expenditure/transfers authorized on the application of Rules 1244 to 1413.

1645 Every four years, and in accordance with the procedures adopted by the TCC, the Secretariat shall submit to the TCC and the Council a report providing an assessment of the impact on the beneficiaries of the assistance delivered through the ITCP and the TC Fund resources. The organization and execution of the regular impact assessment exercises shall be financed by the TC Fund.

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