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**Alignment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
to the Strategic Plan of the Organization**

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on the results of the exercise conducted by the Secretariat to prepare a draft alignment of the strategic directions and outputs to the Sustainable Development Goals

Strategic direction, if applicable: 7

Output: 7.8

Action to be taken: Paragraph 9

Related documents: C 118/3/3, C 118/D; TC.1/Circ.69; resolution A.1110(30) and TC 68/5(c)

1 The Council, at its 118th session, requested the Secretariat to prepare a draft alignment of the strategic directions (SDs) and outputs to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for its consideration at this session, and invited Member States to submit further proposals in this regard.

2 The Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018-2023 was adopted by the Assembly, at its thirtieth session, in December 2017. The vision statement of the Organization makes direct reference to the need for IMO to meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as to support Member States in their implementation of the Agenda.

3 In addition, the importance of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, as well as IMO's role in contributing to their achievement are also stressed in the overarching principles for the Organization's Strategic Plan. These overarching principles have been added to highlight specific topics, like the human element, the promotion of the role of IMO and in particular the SDGs that should be considered in all of the Organization's work, including the SDs.

4 Based on the above, it is recommended that a strict alignment of SDGs to individual SDs is avoided, in order to give the Organization the flexibility to support Member States as needed throughout the implementation of the Strategic Plan in the coming years.

5 In fulfilling the request to align the outputs to the SDGs, the Secretariat has taken into account the following:

- .1 the *Linkages between IMO's technical assistance work and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development* (Circular TC.1/Circ.69); and
- .2 the expected contribution of each output to the targets and indicators of the SDGs.

6 The table in the annex details the suggested linkages between the outputs for the current biennium and the SDGs.

7 Some outputs have not been linked to an SDG, as they have been considered to be not applicable (NA) and are identified in the table as such. Several of these outputs relate to the regular work of the Organization, such as drafting of regulations, implementation of IMO instruments, analysis and consideration of reports, and administrative functions of the Secretariat, which do not have a direct link to the established targets and indicators of the SDGs.

8 Other outputs cover the reports submitted on technical cooperation activities. While those reports do not have a direct link to the SDGs, the related technical assistance work still presents an opportunity for the Organization to, at some point, provide any necessary assistance to Member States in their implementation of the SDGs. Paragraph 4 of document TC 68/5(c) informs the Technical Cooperation Committee that each technical cooperation activity will be linked with one or more SDGs, as relevant. This has been done as part of the enhancement to the SAP system, which is used to create the annual Programme Implementation Documents (PIDs) for programme planning, and for monitoring and reporting.

Action requested of the Council

9 The Council is invited to note the information and take action as appropriate.

ANNEX

SUGGESTED LINKAGE OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) TO THE BIENNIAL OUTPUTS

Output number	Description	Related SDGs
1.1	Capacity-building aspects of the IMO Audit Scheme reflected in and implemented through the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP)	NA
1.2	Input on identifying emerging needs of developing countries, in particular SIDS and LDCs to be included in the ITCP	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17
1.3	Validated model training courses	4
1.4	Analysis of consolidated audit summary reports	NA
1.5	Non-exhaustive list of obligations under instruments relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)	NA
1.6	Monitoring of ITCP programme implemented on the enhancement of maritime training capacities, including middle and senior management levels	4, 5
1.7	Identify thematic priorities within the area of maritime safety and security, marine environmental protection, facilitation of maritime traffic and maritime legislation	NA
1.8	Analysis and consideration of reports on National Maritime Transport Policy development and Country Maritime Profiles	NA
1.9	Report on activities within the ITCP related to the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol	NA
1.10	Report on ITCP programme on support to SIDS and LDCs for their special shipping needs	10
1.11	Revised Guidelines for the application of MARPOL Annex I requirements to FPSOs and FSUs	6, 14
1.12	Review of the 2015 Guidelines for exhaust gas cleaning systems (resolution MEPC.259(68))	7, 13
1.13	Guide on practical methods for the implementation of the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol	6
1.14	Revised guidance on ballast water sampling and analysis	6, 14
1.15	Revised guidance on methodologies that may be used for enumerating viable organisms	6, 14
1.16	Updated IMO Dispersant Guidelines (part IV)	6, 14
1.17	Consistent implementation of regulation 14.1.3 of MARPOL Annex VI	9, 13
1.18	Measures to ensure quality of fuel oil for use on board ships	9, 13

Output number	Description	Related SDGs
1.19	Approve ITCP for 2020-2021	NA
1.20	Uniform implementation of paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code	NA
1.21	Guidance for STCW Code, section B-I/2	NA
1.22	Comprehensive review of the 1995 STCW-F Convention	4
1.23	Revision of the Guidelines on fatigue	8
1.24	Revision of certification requirements for SCR systems under the NOX Technical Code 2008	13
1.25	Guidelines for the discharge of exhaust gas recirculation bleed-off water	6, 14
2.1	Response to matters related to the Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group and ITU World Radiocommunication Conference	NA
2.2	Approved ballast water management systems which make use of Active Substances, taking into account recommendations of the GESAMP-BWWG	6, 14
2.3	Amendments to the IGF Code and development of guidelines for low-flashpoint fuels	8
2.4	Mandatory instrument and/or provisions addressing safety standards for the carriage of more than 12 industrial personnel on board vessels engaged on international voyages	NA
2.5	Safety objectives and functional requirements of the Guidelines on alternative design and arrangements for SOLAS chapters II-1 and III	9
2.6	Finalization of second generation intact stability criteria	9
2.7	Regulatory scoping exercise for the use of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS)	9
2.8	Development of guidelines for cold ironing of ships and of amendments to SOLAS chapters II-1 and II-2, if necessary	3, 13
2.9	Application of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) in the maritime field and development of performance standards for shipborne IRNSS receiver equipment	9
2.10	Revision of SOLAS chapters III and IV for Modernization of the GMDSS, including related and consequential amendments to other existing instruments	9
2.11	Develop guidance on definition and harmonization of the format and structure of Maritime Service Portfolios (MSPs)	9
2.12	Guidelines on standardized modes of operation, S mode	9
2.13	Review of the IBTS Guidelines and amendments to the IOPP Certificate and Oil Record Book	9, 14
2.14	Amendments to regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI to require a dedicated sampling point for fuel oil	13

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2.15	Revised Performance Standards for EPIRBs operating on 406 MHz (resolution A.810(19)) to include Cospas-Sarsat MEOSAR and second generation beacons	9
2.16	Guidelines for the harmonized display of navigation information received via communications equipment	9
2.17	Consideration of development of goal-based ship construction standards for all ship types	9
2.18	Standards for shipboard gasification of waste systems and associated amendments to regulation 16 of MARPOL Annex VI	13
2.19	Consideration of an initial proposal to amend annex 1 to the AFS Convention to include controls on cybutryne	9, 14
3.1	Treatment of ozone-depleting substances used by ships	13
3.2	Further development of mechanisms needed to achieve the limitation or reduction of CO2 emissions from international shipping	9, 13
3.3	Impact on the Arctic of emissions of black carbon from international shipping	13
3.4	Promotion of technical cooperation and transfer of technology relating to the improvement of energy efficiency of ships	7, 9, 17
3.5	Revision of guidelines concerning EEDI and SEEMP	7, 13
3.6	EEDI reviews required under regulation 21.6 of MARPOL Annex VI	7, 13
3.7	Further technical and operational measures for enhancing the energy efficiency of international shipping	7, 9, 13, 14
4.1	Designated Special Areas, Emission Control Areas and PSSAs and associated protective measures	14
4.2	Input to the ITCP on emerging issues relating to sustainable development and achievement of the SDGs	NA
5.1	Application of single-window concept	9, 17
5.2	Guidelines and guidance on the implementation and interpretation of SOLAS chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code	8
5.3	Consideration and analysis of reports on piracy and armed robbery against ships	8, 16
5.4	Revised guidance relating to the prevention of piracy and armed robbery to reflect emerging trends and behaviour patterns	8, 16
5.5	Analysis and consideration of reports on the linkages between the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	NA
5.6	Update the guidelines for setting up a single-window system in maritime transport	9

Output number	Description	Related SDGs
5.7	Review and update the Explanatory Manual to the FAL Convention	NA
5.8	Review and revision of the IMO Compendium on Facilitation and Electronic Business	NA
5.9	Developing guidance for authentication, integrity and confidentiality of content for the purpose of exchange of electronic information	9
6.1	Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, and environment-related conventions	NA
6.2	Developments in GMDSS satellite services	9
6.3	Safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential amendments to the IBC Code	6, 8, 14
6.4	Lessons learned and safety issues identified from the analysis of marine safety investigation reports	NA
6.5	Identified issues relating to the implementation of IMO instruments from the analysis of PSC data	NA
6.6	Consideration and analysis of reports and information on persons rescued at sea and stowaways	NA
6.7	Consideration and analysis of reports on alleged inadequacy of port reception facilities	NA
6.8	Monitoring the worldwide average sulphur content of fuel oils supplied for use on board ships	NA
6.9	Agreements of cooperation with IGOs and approved consultative status for NGOs	NA
6.10	Review of MARPOL Annex II requirements that have an impact on cargo residues and tank washings of high viscosity, solidifying and persistent floating products and associated definitions, and preparation of amendments	6, 14
6.11	Development of measures to reduce risks of use and carriage of heavy fuel oil as fuel by ships in Arctic waters	14
6.12	Strategies developed to facilitate entry into force and harmonized interpretation of the HNS Protocol	14
6.13	Use of electronic record books	9
7.1	Endorsed proposals for the development, maintenance and enhancement of information systems and related guidance (GISIS, websites, etc.)	NA
7.2	Consideration of reports on the management of financial and human resources	NA
7.3	Analysis and consideration of reports on partnership arrangements for, and implementation of, environmental programmes	NA
7.4	Analysis and consideration of reports on the TC Fund, voluntary trust funds, multi/bilateral funds, cash contributions and in-kind support under the ITCP	NA

Output number	Description	Related SDGs
7.5	Analysis and consideration of reports on the implementation of the approved mechanism for sustainable financing of the ITCP	NA
7.6	Monitoring measures on new and cost-effective measures to deliver technical assistance	NA
7.7	Approved annual report on ITCP implementation	NA
7.8	Comprehensive, transparent, deliverable and adopted strategic framework for 2018-2023, including associated documents, and results-based budget for 2020-2021	NA
7.9	Revised documents on organization and method of work, as appropriate	NA
7.10	Analysis and consideration of reports on implementation of Revised resolution A.965(23) on Development and improvement of partnership arrangements for technical co-operation	NA
7.11	Analysis and consideration of the report on the ITCP Impact Assessment Exercise covering 2016-2019	NA
OW 1	Amendments to the IAMSAR Manual	8
OW 2	Amendments to the ESP Code	8
OW 3	Amendments to the IMDG Code and supplements	6, 8, 14
OW 4	Routeing measures and mandatory ship reporting systems	8, 14
OW 5	Updates to the LRIT system	9
OW 6	Updating of the GMDSS Master Plan and guidelines on MSI (maritime safety information)	9
OW 7	Verified goal-based new ship construction standards for tankers and bulk carriers	9
OW 8	Review of FSA studies by the FSA Experts' Group	9
OW 9	Amendments to the IMSBC Code and supplements	6, 8, 14
OW 10	Measures to harmonize port State control (PSC) activities and procedures worldwide	8
OW 11	Monitoring of South-South cooperation reflected in the ITCP and partnerships	NA
OW 12	Reports on the Organization's outreach activities	NA
OW 13	Endorsed proposals for new outputs for the 2018-2019 biennium as accepted by the Committees	NA
OW 14	Reports on unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency	NA
OW 15	Reports to the MSC on information communicated by STCW Parties	NA
OW 16	Updated Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)	NA

Output number	Description	Related SDGs
OW 17	Consideration of reports on the application of the joint IMO/ILO Guidelines on the fair treatment of seafarers and consequential further actions as necessary.	3, 8
OW 18	Advice and guidance on issues under UNCLOS relevant to the role of the Organization	NA
OW 19	Consideration of reports of incidents involving dangerous goods or marine pollutants in packaged form on board ships or in port areas	6, 14
OW 20	Provide advice and guidance on issues brought to the Committee in connection with implementation of IMO instruments	NA
OW 21	Analysis and consideration of reports on strengthened regional associations for women managers in the maritime sector	NA
OW 22	Provide advice and guidance to support availability of information on comprehensive national legislation and judicial capacity building	NA
OW 23	Cooperate with the United Nations on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance	NA
OW 24	Cooperate with other international bodies on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance	NA
OW 25	Approved accounts and audited financial reports	NA
OW 26	Review the Secretariat's Risk Management Exercise for the 2018 2019 biennium	NA
OW 27	Amendments to chapter 9 of the FSS Code for fault isolation requirements for cargo ships and passenger ship cabin balconies fitted with individually identifiable fire detector systems 2021	8
OW 28	Further development of the provision of global maritime SAR services	9
OW 29	Guidelines on harmonized aeronautical and maritime search and rescue procedures, including SAR training matters	4, 8, 9
OW 30	Measures to protect the safety of persons rescued at sea	8
OW 31	Revised SOLAS regulation II-1/3-8 and associated guidelines (MSC.1/Circ.1175) and new guidelines for safe mooring operations for all ships	8
OW 32	Amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/8-1 on the availability of passenger ships' electrical power supply in cases of flooding from side raking damage	8
OW 33	Finalization of a non-mandatory instrument on regulations for non-convention ships	8
OW 34	Requirements for onboard lifting appliances and anchor handling winches	8, 9

Output number	Description	Related SDGs
OW 35	Suitability of high manganese austenitic steel for cryogenic service and development of any necessary amendments to the IGC Code and IGF Code	13
OW 36	Review SOLAS chapter II-2 and associated codes to minimize the incidence and consequences of fires on ro-ro spaces and special category spaces of new and existing ro-ro passenger ships	8
OW 37	Revised SOLAS regulations II-1/13 and II-1/13-1 and other related regulations for new ships	8
OW 38	Guidelines for wing-in-ground craft	9
OW 39	Amendments to MSC.1/Circ.1315	8
OW 40	Safety measures for non-SOLAS ships operating in polar waters	8, 14
OW 41	Review SOLAS chapter II-1, parts B-2 to B-4, to ensure consistency with parts B and B-1 with regard to watertight integrity	8, 14
OW 42	Amendments to the CSS Code with regard to weather-dependent lashing	8
OW 43	Consequential work related to the new International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters	14
OW 44	IMO's contribution to addressing unsafe mixed migration by sea	16
OW 45	Consider reports on the issue of financial security in case of abandonment of seafarers, and shipowners' responsibilities in respect of contractual claims for personal injury to or death of seafarers, in light of the progress of the amendments to ILO MLC 2006	8
OW 46	Computerized stability support for the master in case of flooding for existing passenger ships	9
OW 47	Develop new requirements for ventilation of survival crafts	8, 9
OW 48	Amendments to the FSS Code for CO2 pipelines in under-deck passageways	8
OW 49	Review the Model Agreement for the authorization of recognized organizations acting on behalf of the Administration	NA