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**New performance indicator on safety to be included in the Organization's
Strategic Plan 2018-2023**

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document proposes to include a new performance indicator regarding safety in the Organization's Strategic Plan 2018-2023

Strategic direction, if applicable: 1

Output: Not applicable

Action to be taken: Paragraph 10

Related documents: Resolutions A.1110(30) and A.1111(30)

Introduction

1 The adoption of the Organization's Strategic Plan 2018-2023 by the Assembly marked a structural change in the strategic work of IMO, with a new set-up and approach to determining the goals of the Organization and a means to achieve them.

2 The Strategic Plan was developed through an inclusive process, where all Member States and observers had a chance to affect the final outcome, both in terms of the vision and mission statements, the development of the strategic directions as well as the performance indicators and outputs. The result is a Strategic Plan that covers the most important aspects of the work of IMO in the coming years.

3 However, seeing the final result it becomes apparent that none of the performance indicators monitor the levels of safety at sea. Safety is fundamental for the shipping industry, which is also underscored several times in the Strategic Plan, including in the mission statement and in the overarching principles. The co-sponsors therefore find that it would be beneficial to also include a performance indicator related to safety at sea as part of the Council's review of the Strategic Plan this biennium.

4 By including such a performance indicator, the Organization would send a strong signal to all stakeholders in the maritime industry, but, in particular, to the seafarers, that their safety during their service on board is of paramount importance to this Organization.

Discussion

5 In the view of the co-sponsors, implementation of the safety measures laid down in various IMO instruments is fundamental for the prevention of incidents at sea. Strategic direction 1 concerns the improvement of implementation, and we therefore propose that a new performance indicator on safety is included in the Strategic Plan in relation to strategic direction 1: Improve implementation.

6 With regards to the wording of such a performance indicator, the co-sponsors would tentatively propose the following:

- PI 1.4*bis*: # of serious incidents per year and per vessel type

7 Since incidents are reported to GISIS, this could constitute the basis for the data to be used to assess the proposed performance indicator. However, the co-sponsors are aware that reporting to GISIS on incidents has some shortcomings. Firstly, the number of incidents reported in GISIS is lower compared with other statistics on incidents, e.g. data from IHS. Secondly, it takes time to carry out the investigation into what caused the incident. This means that analysis of possible trends in serious incidents will be delayed compared to the number of incidents reported in relation to the proposed performance indicator.

8 Against that background, it is proposed that further analysis on the most suitable foundation for data to assess a performance indicator on safety is carried out by the Secretariat, including exemplary analysis of various data collection methods.

Proposal

9 As the way forward, the co-sponsors therefore propose that the Council:

- .1 agrees, in principle, that a performance indicator on safety should be included in the Organization's Strategic Plan 2018-2023, during the next review later this biennium;
- .2 instructs the Secretariat to provide the Council, at its next session, with exemplary analysis of data collection and assessment of a performance indicator on safety.

Action requested of the Council

10 The Council is invited to consider the proposals contained in paragraph 9 of this document and to decide as appropriate.
