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CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on the outcome of the forty-second session of the Facilitation Committee

Strategic direction, if applicable: 1; 5; 7 OW

Output: 5.1; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 6.6; 7.9; OW 13 OW 14

Action to be taken: Paragraph 14

Related document: FAL 42/17

Introduction

1 The report of the forty-second session of the Facilitation Committee (FAL 42/17) is submitted to the 120th session of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 49(b) of the IMO Convention.

2 The session was held from 5 to 8 June 2018 under the chairmanship of Mr. Yury Melenas (Russian Federation) and the Vice-Chair, Mrs. Marina Angsell (Sweden), was also present. The session was attended by 81 Member States, one Associate Member, one United Nations specialized agency, four intergovernmental organizations, 22 non-governmental organizations in consultative status and one IMO training institution.

3 The report of FAL 42 (FAL 42/17) has been circulated to all IMO Member States. Decisions of the Committee of interest to the Council are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

Application of the single window concept

Role of the Committee in finding electronic means for the submission of information and electronic data exchange

4 The Committee instructed the Secretariat to review the final report of the Ad Hoc Steering Group for Reducing Administrative Requirements (SG-RAR) established by the Council (C 113/11), the Inventory of administrative requirements in (C 108/INF.2) and the list of outputs of the committees, as a starting point to identify elements relevant to implementation of the single window concept, that will be shared in a timely manner with the committees and the Council (FAL 42/17, paragraphs 5.19 to 5.20).

Application of the Committee's procedures on organization and method of work

Rules of Procedure of the Committee

5 The Committee, having agreed to align rules 3 and 34.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the FAL Committee with rules 3 and 34.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the other committees, adopted the revised *Rules of Procedure of the Facilitation Committee* (FAL 42/17, paragraphs 13.1 to 13.7 and annex 2).

Amendments to the document on the Organization and method of work of the Facilitation Committee

6 The Committee considered the request of Assembly (resolution A.1111(30)) to review and revise, during the 2018-2019 biennium, the document on the Organization and method of its work, taking account of the document on *Application of the Strategic Plan of the Organization* (resolution A.1111(30)), as appropriate. The Committee approved the document on the *Organization and method of work of the Facilitation Committee* (FAL.3/Circ.214) accordingly (FAL 42/17, paragraph 13.10).

Work programme

New outputs

7 In accordance with the relevant provisions of the document on *Application of the Strategic Plan of the Organization* (resolution A.1111(30)), the Committee invited the Council to endorse, for inclusion in the 2018-2019 biennium, the following new outputs agreed by the Committee:

- .1 Review and update of the Annex to the FAL Convention (FAL 42/17, paragraph 14.1);
- .2 Development of amendments to the *Recommendations on the establishment of National Facilitation Committees* (FAL.5/Circ.2) (FAL 42/17, paragraph 14.6); and
- .3 Development of guidelines on creating a tool to measure domestic implementation of the FAL Convention (FAL 42/17, paragraph 14.8).

8 The Committee also invited C 120 to endorse, for inclusion in the 2018-2019 biennium, the decision to replace the description of the following existing outputs:

- .1 output 5.6, replace the title to read: "Guidelines for setting up a maritime single window" (FAL 42/17, paragraph 8.10); and
- .2 output 5.8, replace the title to read: "Review and revision of the IMO Compendium on Facilitation and Electronic Business, including additional e-business solutions" (FAL 42/17, paragraph 14.5).

Status of outputs for the 2018-2019 biennium

9 The Committee invited the Council to note the status report of the outputs of the Committee (FAL 42/17, paragraph 14.12 and annex 3).

Post-biennial agenda of the Committee

10 The Committee invited the Council to note the updated post-biennial agenda of the Committee (paragraph 14.13 and annex 4).

Number of meeting days for the Committee and number of meeting weeks for the biennium 2020-2021

11 The Committee, having considered the heavy workload of its working groups, requested the Council to endorse its decision to extend the number of meeting days of the Committee to five, with eight associated interpretation sessions. The impact on the budget of the Organization would not be significant, taking into account that the number of interpretation sessions will not increase. This decision would be applicable to FAL 43 and subsequent sessions of the Committee; and the duration of the sessions would be reviewed periodically, taking into account the workload of the Committee (FAL 42/17, paragraphs 14.15 and 14.16).

12 The Committee requested the Council to endorse its decision to hold one meeting during 2020 and one meeting during 2021 (five days with eight associated interpretation sessions for each meeting), and invited the Secretary-General to prepare relevant budgetary proposals for the biennium 2020-2021, for consideration by the Council, with a view to approval by the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly in November 2019 (FAL 42/17, paragraph 14.17).

Recommendations and guidelines adopted by the Committee

13 The Committee approved the following instruments:

- .1 *Revised guidelines on the prevention of access by stowaways and the allocation of responsibilities to seek the successful resolution of stowaway cases* (resolution FAL.13(42)), (FAL 42/17, annex 1);
- .2 *Organization and method of work of the Facilitation Committee* (FAL.3/Circ.214); and
- .3 *List of publications relevant to areas and topics relating to the ship/port interface* (FAL.6/Circ.14/Rev.1).

Action requested of the Council

- 14 The Council is invited to¹:
- .1 consider the report of the forty-second session of the Facilitation Committee and, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention, transmit it, with its comments and recommendations, to the thirty-first session of the Assembly (paragraphs 1.1 to 17.1);
 - .2 note the decision of the Committee to instruct the Secretariat to review the final report of the Ad Hoc Steering Group for Reducing Administrative Requirements (SG-RAR) established by the Council (C 113/11), the Inventory of administrative requirements (C 108/INF.2) and the list of outputs of the committees, as a starting point to identify elements relevant to implementation of the single window concept, that will be shared in a timely manner with the committees and the Council (paragraphs 5.18 to 5.20);
 - .3 note the adoption of the *Revised guidelines on the prevention of access by stowaways and the allocation of responsibilities to seek the successful resolution of stowaway cases* (resolution FAL.13(42)) which complement the Guidelines adopted by MSC by resolution MSC.448(99) and supersede the Guidelines set out in resolution FAL.11(37) (paragraph 10.8 and annex 1);
 - .4 note that the Committee revised its Rules of Procedure, taking into account the outcome of C 116 (paragraphs 13.1 to 13.7 and annex 2);
 - .5 note that the Committee revised the *Organization and method of work of the Facilitation Committee*, as requested by the Assembly (resolution A.1111(30)), for dissemination by means of FAL.3/Circ.214 (paragraph 13.10);
 - .6 endorse the decision of the Committee to include three new outputs in its 2018-2019 biennial agenda (paragraph 14.10);
 - .7 endorse the decision of the Committee to amend the descriptions of two outputs (paragraph 14.11);
 - .8 note the status report of the outputs of the Committee for the 2018-2019 biennium (paragraph 14.12 and annex 3);
 - .9 note the updated post-biennial agenda of the Committee (paragraph 14.13 and annex 4);
 - .10 endorse the decision of the Committee to establish, starting from 2019, five-day meetings, with eight associated interpretation sessions (paragraphs 14.15 and 14.16);
 - .11 endorse the decision of the Committee to hold one meeting during 2020 and one meeting during 2021 (five days with eight associated interpretation sessions for each meeting) (paragraph 14.17); and
 - .12 note the approval of the *Revised list of existing publications relevant to areas and topics relating to the ship/port interface* (FAL.6/Circ.14/Rev.1) (paragraph 16.5).

¹ References hereunder are to sections and paragraphs of, and annexes to, the report of FAL 42 (FAL 42/17).