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**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

**SUMMARY**

*Executive summary:* This document reports on the outcome of the sixty-seventh session of the Technical Cooperation Committee

*Strategic directions:* 3, 4

*High-level actions:* 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.4, 4.0.1

*Outputs:* 3.1.2.1, 3.1.3.1, 3.2.1.2, 3.2.2.1, 3.3.1.1, 3.4.1.1, 3.5.2.1, 3.5.3.2, 3.5.4.1, 4.0.1.2

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 38

*Related documents:* C 118/10 and TC 67/WP.1

**INTRODUCTION**

1 The report of the sixty-seventh session of the Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 67/WP.1)<sup>1</sup> is submitted to the 118th session of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 44 of the IMO Convention.

2 The sixty-seventh session of the Committee was held from 17 to 19 July 2017 under the chairmanship of Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia). The Committee session was attended by 80 Member States, 1 Associate Member, 8 intergovernmental organizations and 9 non-governmental organizations, and by the Chair of the Facilitation Committee, Mr. Y. Melenas (Russian Federation). Representatives from the World Maritime University (WMU) 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 67/WP.1.

<sup>1</sup> The final report of the session will be circulated as document TC 67/17.

## **INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

### **Annual Report for 2016**

4 The Committee noted the information provided in the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) Annual Report for 2016 (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 3.1 to 3.10), which reflected expenditure of \$13.8 million for 2016, representing a financial delivery rate of 90% of the resources programmed for that year and featuring 23 sources of funding, with the Technical Cooperation Fund (TC Fund) being the most significant, at \$7.4 million, representing 54% of the overall total funds expended. In total, 237 activities were delivered, including the implementation of 18 advisory and needs assessment missions and 118 training courses, seminars and workshops held at the national, regional and global levels. These training events covered an extensive range of maritime topics and resulted in the training of approximately 2,921 persons worldwide in 2014. In addition, another 72 fellows completed fellowships in the maritime field, including 22 fellows at the World Maritime University (WМУ) and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI). A total of 1,124 officials attended events aimed at developing and harmonizing regional strategies on maritime technical matters.

5 The Committee expressed its gratitude to all donors for their cash contributions to the bilateral and multilateral technical cooperation trust funds and to other Member States and partners for their in-kind support that facilitated the implementation of the ITCP activities.

### **Programme for 2018 and 2019**

6 The Committee considered the proposed **Programme for 2018 and 2019** (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 3.14 to 3.22), which was first discussed by the Intersessional Technical Cooperation Committee Working Group on the Technical Cooperation Programme and the Sustainable Development Goals (TC/ISWG 2) which was held in May 2017. It was informed that the ITCP for the next biennium had taken into consideration the capacity-building needs of Member States, particularly small island developing States (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs), resulting from amendments to existing IMO treaties together with the development of new instruments. The Committee further noted that in the preparation of the 2018-2019 ITCP, a number of elements and priority areas had been taken into account, including the Organization's new draft strategic plan, the thematic priorities of IMO committees, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the interest of development partners. It was further noted that two new global programmes had been included in the ITCP for 2018 and 2019, one on Support to the response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Blue Economy, and the other on Support to the implementation of the technical cooperation aspects of IMO's Strategic Plan 2018-2023.

7 The importance of the linkage between IMO's technical assistance work and the SDGs in the programme for 2018 and 2019 was acknowledged and emphasized.

8 The Committee approved the ITCP for 2018 and 2019 including the core activities planned under regional and global programmes, subject to adequate funding estimated at some \$23,871,000.

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## FINANCING THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

### TC Fund allocation for 2018 and 2019

9 The Committee was advised that the Secretary-General had recommended the allocation of £10 million from the surplus of the Trading Fund to the TC Fund for the 2018-2019 biennium, which was the same amount allocated for the 2016-2017 biennium. However, using the exchange rate of £1.00 equal to \$1.30, this amounts to \$13 million, which in US dollar terms is 13% less than the allocation of \$15 million for the 2016-2017 biennium. (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 4.1 to 4.7).

10 The Committee noted that the overall allocation would cover 55% of the total requirement of the ITCP and that the Secretariat should engage with donors and other technical cooperation partners in pursuance of its resource mobilization efforts to secure the financing of the remaining ITCP activities.

11 The Committee noted the decreased value in US dollars of the funds available as compared with the previous biennium, due to the unfavourable GBP to USD exchange rate. The Committee commended the decision of the Secretary-General to recruit a resource mobilization officer within TCD to facilitate the mobilization of external funding to mitigate the reliance on the TC Fund, in view of the decreasing resources of the Trading Fund.

12 The Committee, on the basis of the current expenditure pattern and trends, approved the proposed allocation of £5,361,162 (equivalent to \$6,969,510) and £4,638,839 (equivalent to \$6,030,490) for the delivery of the ITCP during 2018 and 2019, respectively, subject to any adjustments which the Secretariat may have to make, and eventually report to the Committee at its next session, as a result of:

- .1 the final decisions of the Council and the Assembly as to the amount which will be allocated to the TC Fund; and
- .2 the exchange rate<sup>2</sup> between £ and US\$ at the time when the funds will be released and converted into US\$.

### Review and revision of the 2007 Strategy on the long-term financing of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme

13 The Committee was informed that since 2007, the pattern of donor funding reflected the weaknesses in the structure of IMO's donor base and the parameters which drive the variations in revenue streams (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 4.8 to 4.13). The TC Fund has been the largest source of funding for the ITCP since 2002; however, it continues to rely almost entirely on the Trading Fund surplus for annual replenishment and the Trading Fund surplus is not forecast to grow over the next biennia. In this regard, the Committee requested the Secretariat to develop a long-term resource mobilization strategy for submission to the Committee's sixty-eighth session, and urged Member States to actively support new and innovative measures to ensure the sustainable financing of the ITCP.

### Sustainable financing and financial sustainability

14 With regard to the issue of sustainable financing of the ITCP (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 4.14 to 4.27), the Committee noted the information on the status of voluntary funds and cash donations made to IMO's technical cooperation activities since its last session.

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<sup>2</sup> The exchange rate which was used in the proposals of the Secretariat was £1 = \$1.30.

From 1 September 2016 to 31 May 2017, some \$1,876,827 had been contributed to the multi-donor trust funds (MDTFs) and through financial arrangements and cash contributions. It was noted that this amount was not as high as in previous years, which was the result of the amount of contributions received through large-scale projects with specific phased income streams as well as cash donations which cannot be predicted from year to year and carry no expectation of continuation.

15 Under this agenda item, the Committee also considered a proposal on ensuring the replenishment of the TC Fund from Vanuatu, which suggested that any future developments in the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) should be implemented with a view to making GISIS an income-generating tool for the sole benefit of the sustainability of the ITCP. This proposal was discussed at length by the Committee, with various views on the pros and cons of the proposal expressed. The Committee requested the Secretariat to provide an analysis of the users, financial viability and legal aspects of the proposal, within the context of the wider strategy on resource mobilization, and to submit to the Committee at its sixty-eighth session.

## **THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

### **Maritime transport policy development**

16 With regard to the Secretariat's work, in collaboration with WMU, to assist Member States in the formulation of National Maritime Transport Policies (NMTPs), the Committee noted that a training package had been developed and tested, which aimed at providing beneficiaries with the required knowledge and skills necessary to prepare, review and adopt maritime transport policies (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 5.1 to 5.6). The Committee further noted that this training package would soon be translated into the three IMO working languages to enable delivery of maritime transport policy training activities in other languages to interested Member States.

### **Country Maritime Profiles**

17 With regard to Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs) (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 5.7 to 5.11), the Committee was provided with an update on their status of completion by Member States. The Committee was informed that the analysis of the CMP entries showed a certain amount of ambiguity, and that the CMP module was not currently capturing certain information such as that on facilitation of maritime traffic, piracy, maritime security status and/or the related technical assistance needs. The Committee was informed that WMU had been requested by the Secretariat to submit a proposal to review, revise, restructure and redesign the CMP module to ensure its user-friendliness, effectiveness, efficient data populating and updating from publicly available sources.

18 The Committee noted the current situation of the CMP module, the intention of the Secretariat to furnish the Committee at its sixty-eighth session with an update on the revision process of the CMP module, and urged those Member States who had not yet completed their CMP records to do so as soon as possible, and reminded those who had done so to update them regularly.

### **Linkage with IMO's technical assistance work**

19 The Committee commended the work undertaken by the TC/ISWG 2 and discussed the linkage between IMO's technical assistance work and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and agreed with the identified Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that were most relevant to IMO's work as being goals 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14 and 17 (TC 67/WP.1 paragraphs 5.12 to 5.22).

- 20 The Committee:
- .1 considered and endorsed the proposed linkages between IMO's technical assistance work and the SDGs;
  - .2 recommended the circulation of a TC resolution on the linkages between IMO's technical assistance work and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in order to promote a better appreciation of the contribution of the maritime sector and the role of technical assistance work in the achievement of the SDGs; and
  - .3 endorsed the draft Assembly resolution on the linkages between IMO's technical assistance work and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and requested the Secretariat to forward it to the Council for its consideration at its 118th session the following week, with a view to submission to the Assembly at its thirtieth session for adoption.

### **Revision of the Assembly resolutions relating to technical cooperation**

21 The Committee considered revisions to seven existing Assembly resolutions relating to technical cooperation, taking into account the precepts of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Organization's related responsibilities for supporting the implementation of the SDGs, which had previously been discussed by the TC/ISWG 2. The Committee subsequently endorsed the two new draft Assembly resolutions, one on the Guiding principles of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the other on Financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable ITCP (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 5.23 to 5.26).

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Regional presence**

22 The Committee noted the positive impact made and the assistance provided by the IMO Regional Presence Offices, and reaffirmed its appreciation to the host countries of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya and the Philippines for the facilities they had continued to provide. The hosting Member States, which were present during the session, took the opportunity to reaffirm the Committee of their readiness to continue to host them (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 6.1 to 6.5).

### **Partnership arrangements**

23 The Committee noted the progress made in the implementation of Assembly resolution A.965(23) on the *Development and Improvement of Partnership Arrangements for Technical Cooperation* through the 70 partnerships which were currently in operation for the delivery of technical cooperation activities, 42 of which had been concluded with Member States and Associate Members, and 28 with international organizations, regional institutions and industry. The Committee was informed of a new initiative launched under the GEF-UNDP-IMO Global maritime Energy Efficiency Project (GloMEEP), which seeks to contribute towards greenhouse gas reduction and the mitigation of climate change, a key target for the UN under its SDGs. (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 6.6 to 6.11).

## **VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME AND THE IMO MEMBER STATES AUDIT SCHEME**

24 The Committee considered the analysis of the consolidated audit summary reports of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme which had identified five major areas of recurrent audit findings (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.2). The analysis also found that States which encountered difficulties might not have established a system for analysing and integrating newly adopted amendments into their national legislation, and it was noted that better use could be made of IMLI graduates in those countries, as they formed a valuable resource of qualified legal experts.

25 The Committee recommended that, in order to assist the Secretariat to provide target-specific technical assistance to the relevant Member States, Member States might wish to authorize the provision of audit reports to the Technical Cooperation Division and input the relevant aspect of the audit reports in their Country Maritime Profiles, with specific detail to allow for proper evaluation of the nature of technical assistance that may be required.

26 The Committee was informed on the status of implementation of the global programme on the IMO Member State Audit Scheme and the activities delivered since its previous session. It was informed that since IMO had started delivering training courses for auditors under the ITCP, a total number of 1,084 individuals from 154 countries had been trained through 56 activities worldwide (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 7.3 to 7.5).

## **GLOBAL MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS**

27 The Committee noted the summary of activities undertaken in 2016 by the World Maritime University (WMU) and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), as well as information on long-standing partnership arrangements with the International Maritime Safety, Security and Environment Academy (IMSSEA) and the Institut Portuaire d'Enseignement et du Recherche du Havre (IPER) through the provision of IMO fellowships to developing countries for short-term training course delivered by these institutions (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 9.1 to 9.2, 9.7.1 to 9.7.5 and 9.8 to 9.12).

28 With regard to the Branches of WMU, the Committee was informed that there had been virtually no interaction between WMU and the Branches, to the extent that the notion of a WMU Branch was no longer operational and any partnership with WMU required comprehensive redesigning. This issue was initially acknowledged by the WMU Board of Governors in 2015, when it was considering the criteria for partnership development within the context of the Study on the Financial Sustainability of WMU. The Committee agreed on a moratorium on all existing WMU Branches, and the immediate cessation of the use of the term "WMU Branch" in any form; and requested the Secretariat to work with the WMU President and with the University's governing bodies in the development of a new partnership structure with other training institutions, for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-eighth session (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 9.3 to 9.6 and 9.7.6 to 9.7.7).

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

29 The Committee noted the Secretariat's comments on the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the report of the Impact Assessment Exercise (IAE) covering the activities of the ITCP during the period 2012-2015 (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 10.1 to 10.5), and the consultants' overall conclusions that the ITCP delivered between 2012 and 2015 had generally been effective, relevant and sustainable. It was further noted that this report had been discussed extensively by the TC/ISWG 2. The Committee requested the Secretariat to implement the five recommendations that had no budgetary implications and to analyse and estimate the costs of the six recommendations which had budgetary implications, and report to the sixty-eighth session of the Committee.

30 The Committee considered a proposal regarding the structure of future IAE and its funding, given that the External Auditors had, in 2014, recommended that the IAE be carried out by the Internal Oversight and Ethics Office (IOEO) of IMO. As the IOEO delivers its evaluation function in accordance with the established Financial Regulations rather than the Rules of Operation of the TC Fund, it was proposed that the work of the IAE should no longer be funded by the TC Fund, but rather should come under the IOEO budget. This was also considered an opportunity to expand the scope of the IAE so as to evaluate the entire ITCP, not just the portion funded by the TC Fund, as well as relevant technical assistance projects outside the scope of the ITCP.

31 After extensive discussions and clarifications by the Secretariat, the Committee decided not to amend the TC Fund Rules of Operation, and pointed out that the proposed changes, if implemented, might also put a burden on the Regular Budget. The Committee decided that the IAE would continue to take place every four years and that the IOEO could still decide to evaluate some parts of the Organization's technical assistance work under its general oversight function (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 10.10 to 10.13).

### **AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE**

32 The Committee considered documents TC 67/15 and TC 67/WP.2 containing a proposal to amend the Committee's Rules of Procedure with a view to limiting the term of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair to five years and also to introduce gender-neutral language in the Rules, in accordance with the decision of the Council taken at its 116th session (C 116/D, paragraph 4.8). The Committee also considered a proposal to harmonize the text of its Rules with the revised harmonized texts of the Rules of Procedure of the other committees (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 15.1 to 15.2).

33 In this regard, the Committee adopted the revised Rules of Procedure of the Technical Cooperation Committee, as set out in TC 67/WP.2, and requested the Secretariat to effect any consequential editorial changes as may be necessary. In particular, the Committee decided to:

- .1 adopt a revised rule of procedure limiting the term of office for the Chair and Vice-Chair to no more than five years with the possibility of one additional year in exceptional circumstances; and
- .2 require the use of gender-neutral language in the Committee's Rules of Procedure.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

34 The Committee approved the biennial status report of the Committee for the 2016-2017 biennium and the substantive items for inclusion in its provisional agenda for the period 2018 to 2021, as well as the proposed outputs of the Technical Cooperation Committee for the 2018-2019 biennium, aligned to the new Strategic Directions (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 13.1 to 13.2). The Committee also approved the new *Document on organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee*, aligning it with the provisions of Assembly resolution A.1099(29), and requested the Secretariat to issue it in the form of a TC circular (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 12.1 to 12.4).

35 Due to time constraints, the items on Capacity building: Strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector; Development of a new Strategic Framework for the Organization for 2018-2023; and Work of other bodies and organizations were deferred until the Committee's sixty-eighth session, within the framework of Rule 13 of the Committee's revised Rules of Procedure.

36 The Committee considered the time allocated for its meeting, and agreed that two and a half days of interpretation was not sufficient in view of the number of items on its agenda and documents being submitted by Member States and the Secretariat. It therefore decided to strongly recommend to Council to approve three full days, with interpretation, for future sessions of the Committee.

### **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2018**

37 The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia), as its Chair, and Mr. Laurent Parenté (Vanuatu), as its Vice-Chair, for 2018. (TC 67/WP.1, paragraph 14.1).

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

38 The Council is invited to:

- .1 note the summary of the Committee's report on its sixty-seventh session set out in this document, in particular the Committee's approval of the ITCP for 2018-2019, the Committee's outputs for 2018-2019 and its new *Document on methods and organization of work*; and comment and give such guidance to the Committee as it deems appropriate;
- .2 approve the allocation and use of £5,361,162 (equivalent<sup>3</sup> to \$6,969,510) and £4,638,839 (equivalent<sup>2</sup> to \$6,030,490) to support the delivery of the ITCP during 2018 and 2019, respectively<sup>4</sup>;
- .3 consider the draft Assembly resolution on the linkages between IMO's technical assistance work and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a view to submission to the Assembly at its thirtieth session for adoption (annex 1);
- .4 consider the draft Assembly resolution on the guiding principles of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a view to submission to the Assembly at its thirtieth session for adoption (annex 2);
- .5 consider the draft Assembly resolution on the financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable ITCP, with a view to submission to the Assembly at its thirtieth session for adoption (annex 3);
- .6 consider and approve, for future sessions of TCC, the allocation of three full meeting days, with interpretation, to allow the Committee sufficient time to discuss all items under its agenda; and
- .7 authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee's sixty-seventh session to the thirtieth session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

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<sup>3</sup> Using the exchange rate of £1 equal to \$1.30.

<sup>4</sup> Subject to any adjustments which the Secretariat may have to make as a result of the final decisions of the Council and the Assembly as to the amount which will be allocated to the TC Fund; and the exchange rate between the pound and the dollar at the time when the funds are released and converted into dollars.



## ANNEX 1

### DRAFT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

#### LINKAGES BETWEEN IMO'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORK AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Articles 2(e) and 15(k) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Organization in relation to the facilitation and promotion of technical cooperation,

RECALLING ALSO resolution 69/313 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly entitled *Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development*, which, inter alia, commits Member States to fully engage, nationally, regionally and internationally, in ensuring proper and effective follow-up of the financing for development outcomes and all the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and addresses the issues of sustainable use of the oceans, seas and coastal areas and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and underlines the important role and comparative advantage of an adequately resourced, relevant, coherent and effective United Nations system to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

RECALLING FURTHER resolution 70/1 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, entitled *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and reaffirmed its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of this Agenda by 2030, and its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions — economic, social and environmental— in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

RECOGNIZING United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/71/243 *Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system*, which, inter alia, called upon United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies to reflect their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in their strategic plans and similar planning documents, in close consultation with and for presentation to their respective governing bodies for approval, and requested the United Nations country teams, under the leadership of the resident coordinator to strengthen the use of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), enhance the inter-agency approach within the United Nations development system at the country level, and strengthen joint programming processes and the use of joint programmes at the country level, where appropriate,

RECALLING that the vision statement of the Organization's Strategic Plan for the six-year period 2018-2023 stresses the need for the Organization to meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and support Member States in their implementation of the Agenda,

MINDFUL of the obligations and responsibilities of all Member States, including the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), to implement systems and procedures, in accordance with the instruments to which they are parties, so as to contribute to their long-term sustainable development,

MINDFUL ALSO of the need to give priority, in the delivery of technical assistance, to meeting the special assistance needs of Africa, of least developed countries and small island developing States as called for in the aforementioned resolutions,

RECOGNIZING the important role that a safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation plays in the sustainable development of all States and the achievement of the SDGs,

RECOGNIZING ALSO IMO's goal to achieve uniform implementation of its instruments, their enforcement by States parties to them, and the provision of targeted capacity building and technical cooperation through the use of Country Maritime Profiles (CMP) and the programming of technical assistance within the framework of United Nations Development Assistance (UNDAF),

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the fundamental importance of IMO's technical cooperation activities, channelled through the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP), in enhancing the capacity of developing countries to implement the aforementioned international regulatory framework,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the Technical Cooperation Committee at its sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh sessions on the issue of linkage between the Organization's technical assistance work and the SDGs, as well as TC resolution [xx] demonstrating the conceptual linkages between IMO's Technical Assistance work and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

1 INVITES Member States to recognize the importance of completing and updating the Country Maritime Profiles (CMP) and including Sustainable Development Goals and their targets into the CMPs;

2 ALSO INVITES Member States and partner organizations to mainstream their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in their strategic plans and similar planning documents;

3 URGES Member States to work, at country-level, with the United Nations Resident Coordinator and the United Nations Country Teams (UNCTs) and ensure that the maritime sector, in particular their national technical assistance needs, are reflected in their respective country's United Nations Development Assistance (UNDAF), taking into account the 2030 Agenda;

4 ALSO URGES Member States, partner organizations and the Secretariat to work with the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals (IAEG-SDGs) and develop the Organization's mandate-related Global Indicators, data and Performance Indicators for monitoring and measuring the achievement of the SDGs;

5 INVITES Member States, partner organizations and the Secretariat to coordinate and work with the five United Nations Regional Economic Commissions to ensure that the maritime sector is reflected in the regional programmes and aligned to the 2030 Agenda;

6 REQUESTS the Technical Cooperation Committee to give high priority to those activities, which not only promote the early ratification and effective implementation of IMO instruments but also contribute to the attainment of the SDGs, taking into account the special needs of the LDCs and SIDS, and the particular maritime transport needs of Africa, and ensure that these needs are reflected in the ITCP;

7 REQUESTS the Technical Cooperation Committee to keep this resolution under review and take action as appropriate;

8 REVOKES resolution A.1006(25).

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## ANNEX 2

### DRAFT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF IMO'S INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME IN SUPPORT OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 2(e) and 15(k) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Organization in relation to the facilitation and promotion of technical cooperation,

RECALLING ALSO the Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018-2023, which reaffirms, inter alia, the Organization's intention to continue implementing projects to provide targeted capacity building and technical cooperation,

NOTING United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/1 *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (2030 Agenda), which sets out 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to ensure that the purpose of the 2030 Agenda is realized and calls upon global partnerships to work together to ensure their implementation,

NOTING IN PARTICULAR the United Nations General Assembly resolutions which impact directly on the direction and objectives of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP), including inter alia:

- (a) A/RES/71/244 *South-South cooperation*, which requests those specialized agencies of the United Nations system that have not yet integrated South-South and triangular cooperation into their policies to do so, taking into account the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation;
- (b) A/RES/71/238 *Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries*;
- (c) A/RES/71/225 *Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway*;
- (d) A/RES/71/223 *Implementation of Agenda 21*; and
- (e) A/RES/71/254 *Framework for a Renewed United Nations-African Union Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda 2017-2027*.

RECOGNIZING the Organization's obligations and responsibilities to implement, through its standard-setting work and its technical cooperation activities, the aims and objectives of the SDGs and its targets, and of the need to mobilize the means required to support with concrete actions the realization of the 2030 Agenda, including the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (A/RES/69/313),

- 1 DECIDES that the guiding principles governing IMO's technical assistance, through the framework of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) and as a means to promote the 2030 Agenda, will focus on the delivery of the SDGs, giving priority to meeting the special assistance needs of Africa, of least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States, and empowering women as key maritime resources (as illustrated in the annex under the "ITCP strategic and implementation principles");
- 2 REAFFIRMS the delivery mechanisms for the ITCP, in collaboration with regional implementing partners, of knowledge-sharing and capacity building through technical advisory services and maritime training events; and assistance in the elaboration of national maritime transport policies and regional strategies for marine pollution response;
- 3 INVITES Member States to meet the challenge of realizing the 2030 Agenda by exploring the alignment of their goals and those of the SDGs, with a view to generating a symbiosis with the activities of the ITCP;
- 4 URGES Member States to ensure the integration of maritime issues within their United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAF) which will determine their national priority areas of funding and support for maritime technical assistance activities;
- 5 ALSO URGES Member States to contribute to the work of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) and to the UNDG Working Group, in the development of specific technical performance indicators against which will be determined the success of maritime technical assistance activities;
- 6 INVITES Member States, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and industry to engage actively in the support of the ITCP and its guiding principles, as a key mechanism for IMO to foster compliance and uniform implementation, by developing countries, of its instruments governing international shipping;
- 7 REVOKES resolution A.901(21).

## ITCP STRATEGIC AND IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLES

- ownership of the development and implementation process by the beneficiary countries
- promotion of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, through the delivery of the SDGs identified as relevant to IMO's technical assistance work
- contribution to the work of the United Nations Development Group and the UNDG Working Group in the development of specific performance indicators against which will be determined the success of maritime technical assistance activities
- priority to meeting the special assistance needs of Africa, of least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States, and empowering women as key maritime resources
- integration of IMO's regulatory priorities into the programme-building process
- development of human resources and institutional capacities on a sustainable basis, including the integration of women as key stakeholders in the maritime sector
- integration of South-South and Triangular Cooperation into IMO's programmes
- development and enhancement of effective partnership arrangements, both financial and in-kind, in order to ensure the long-term and sustainable delivery of ITCP activities
- promotion of the use of Country Maritime Profiles and formulation of National Maritime Transport Policies
- delivery of technical assistance through knowledge-sharing; technical advisory services; and maritime training events
- delivery of ITCP activities through modern and digital technology
- mobilization of regional expertise and resources for technical assistance activities
- coordination with other development aid programmes in the maritime sector
- application of monitoring and evaluation systems to measure the effectiveness of the ITCP against programme targets

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### ANNEX 3

#### DRAFT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

#### **FINANCING AND PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 2(e) and 15(k) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Organization in relation to the facilitation and promotion of technical cooperation,

RECALLING ALSO the Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018-2023, which, inter alia, reaffirms the Organization's intention to continue implementing projects to provide targeted capacity building and technical cooperation; and to establish new and further develop existing long-term strategic donor relationships in its technical cooperation work,

NOTING United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/1 *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (2030 Agenda), which sets out 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to ensure that the purpose of the 2030 Agenda is realized and calls upon global partnerships to work together to ensure their implementation,

NOTING ALSO United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/71/244 *South-South Cooperation* which requests those specialized agencies of the United Nations system that have not yet integrated South-South and triangular cooperation into their policies to do so, taking into account the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and the complementary nature of South-South to North-South cooperation,

RECOGNIZING the Organization's obligations and responsibilities to implement, through its standard-setting work and its technical cooperation activities, the aims and objectives of the SDGs and its targets, and of the need to mobilize the means required to support with concrete actions the implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the challenges to securing financing for the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) over the coming biennia, including the competition for limited development aid resources, and the forecast increase in demand for technical cooperation arising from the outcomes, for developing countries, of the IMO Mandatory Audit Scheme,

MINDFUL of the budgetary constraints of Member States and the Organization itself, and of the limited resources available to IMO for implementing the ITCP,

MINDFUL ALSO of the need to establish a long-term, predictable, sustainable and flexible funding for the ITCP, maintained through diverse income-streams, to facilitate regular and predictable replenishment of core funds and enhance the delivery of the core activities of the biennial ITCP,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION the actions taken by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions A.965(23) and A.986(24),

1 URGES the Organization's development partners to acknowledge and respond to their obligations, as IMO Member States, and in recognition of the direct relationship between IMO's technical cooperation work and the effective realization of the SDGs, by providing and enhancing financial support to the ITCP through long-term sustainable arrangements;

2 ALSO URGES Member States to explore the alignment of their goals and those of the ITCP so as to generate resources through their Official Development Aid modalities;

3 FURTHER URGES Member States to develop collaborative multi-bilateral partnership arrangements to encourage South-South and triangular development cooperation through ITCP activities;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General to continue to develop and enhance effective partnership arrangements in order to ensure the long-term and sustainable delivery of ITCP activities;

5 INVITES Member States, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and industry to engage actively in the support of ITCP activities through, inter alia:

- (a) voluntary cash donations to the TC Fund;
- (b) financial allocations to the IMO multi-donor trust funds;
- (c) multi-bilateral arrangements;
- (d) voluntary donations of interest earnings under the Contributions Incentive Scheme; and
- (e) in-kind support through the provision of no-fee TC Consultants; hosting of technical assistance events; and the donation of equipment;

6 REAFFIRMS its mandate to the Technical Cooperation Committee to devise innovative mechanisms for securing a long-term, predictable, sustainable and flexible funding strategy for the ITCP;

7 REVOKES resolutions A.965(23) and A.986(24).

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