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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-third session of the Technical Co-operation Committee
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	3, 4
<i>High-level action:</i>	3.1.2, 3.2.1, 3.3.1, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.4, 4.0.1
<i>Planned output:</i>	3.1.1.2, 3.1.2.2, 3.2.1.1, 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 34
<i>Related documents:</i>	C 110/12 and TC 63/WP.1

INTRODUCTION

1 The report of the sixty-third session of the Technical Co-operation Committee (TC 63/WP.1)¹ is submitted to the 110th session of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 44 of the IMO Convention.

2 The sixty-third session of the Committee was held from 10 to 12 July 2013 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nancy Karigithu (Kenya). The Committee session was attended by 72 Member States; one Associate Member; eight intergovernmental organizations and four non-governmental organizations. 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 63/WP.1.

¹ The final report of the session will be circulated as document TC 63/14.

INTEGRATED TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

4 The Committee considered and approved the **Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP): Interim report on 2012-2013** (TC 63/WP.1, paragraphs 3.1 to 3.12), noting the expenditure of US\$17.3 million for 2012, the highest level of annual expenditure on IMO's technical co-operation (TC) activities ever recorded, representing a financial delivery rate of 81 per cent of the resources programmed for that year. The Committee recognized the significant outcomes that were achieved in assisting developing countries to meet their obligations as Parties to IMO instruments including the training of approximately 2,935 persons through 118 training events and the direct support to national maritime administrations resulting in the fielding of 33 technical advisory missions. In addition, 75 fellows completed fellowships in the maritime field, and 1,262 officials attended events aimed at developing and harmonizing regional strategies on maritime technical matters.

5 The Committee considered the proposed **Programme for 2014-2015** (TC 63/WP.1, paragraphs 3.13 to 3.24). It was informed that the proposed ITCP comprised 15 programmes (seven regional and eight global) with funding requirements of some US\$25 million. Global programming addresses a spectrum of issues, including support to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), capacity-building and training, maritime security, and energy efficiency measures. The Committee was further informed that the proposed ITCP for 2014-2015 was structured to take into account the work of the Secretariat's Subgroup on the Review and Reform of TC, to give priority to the assessed needs of developing countries.

6 The importance of the symbiosis between the ITCP and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) was emphasized, notably the overarching link with the needs of the Africa region and SIDS and LDCs.

7 The Committee discussed in particular, the practice of funding the periodical IMO Workshop for Port State Control (PSC) MoU Agreements Secretaries and Database Managers under the ITCP. It was suggested that the harmonization of PSC activities might be accommodated during the FSI Sub-Committee, and for the Secretariat to report on the real cost of the workshop while investigating better ways of addressing the issue.

8 The Committee agreed that reference to activities on the issue of Mitigation of Climate Change should be amended to better reflect the Organization's mandate on "energy efficiency measures" in order to implement resolution MEPC.229(65), *Promotion of Technical Co-operation and Transfer of Technology relating to the Improvement of Energy Efficiency of Ships*.

9 The Committee approved the ITCP for 2014-2015, as amended.

10 The Committee acknowledged, with appreciation, the Secretary-General's ongoing initiative on the **Review and Reform of Technical Co-operation** (TC 63/WP.1, paragraphs 3.27 to 3.37), relating to the creation of Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs) in order to address the real capacity-building needs of developing countries. Noting that the template is a living document, the Committee approved the revised CMP, taking into consideration the request of the Committee to remove a field on Gross Domestic Product (GDP), to redefine the categories and that all countries would be invited to complete the CMP.

11 In highlighting the fundamental role of the CMPs in formulating maritime policies, the Secretary-General expressed his wish to receive completed CMPs by spring next year, since the outcomes of those reports will form the basis of future TC from 2015 onwards.

12 The Committee strongly supported the Secretary-General's strategic direction for TC, to be implemented, inter alia, through enhanced assistance, within the framework of the ITCP, in the formulation of national maritime transport policies for developing countries. The Secretary-General suggested to include the process of developing those maritime policies in the framework of the ITCP for 2013-2015 and the Committee requested the Secretariat to formalize and make widely available the short guide it had prepared, which incorporates common elements of a typical national maritime policy and had proved useful at the regional meetings of Heads of Maritime Administrations.

FINANCING THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

13 The Committee had before it the Secretary-General's proposal for the **TC Fund Allocation for 2014-2015** (TC 63/WP.1, paragraphs 4.1 to 4.9), to support the implementation of the ITCP for that biennium, requiring an allocation of US\$15.5 million from the TC Fund to support the implementation of the priority elements of the approved ITCP.

14 The Committee noted that the overall allocation would cover 61 per cent of the total requirement of the ITCP, as compared with the 68 per cent coverage for the current biennium. This was due to the increase in the funding requirements of the ITCP for 2014-2015 and the depreciation of the pound sterling against the US dollar. The greater volume of allocation to Africa was in direct correlation with the priority accorded to that region, the latter having been reaffirmed through resolution A.986(24), which instructed the TCC, in the allocation of resources, to give due consideration to meeting the special TC needs of the African continent.

15 The Committee:

- .1 approved the proposed biennial allocation of £10 million (US\$15.5 million at the exchange rate of 1.55) from the TC Fund and its programmed use during 2014-2015; and
- .2 requested that its views and recommendations be conveyed to the Council, at its 110th session, for consideration and endorsement when the latter considers budget and funds' proposals for the next biennium.

16 With regard to the issue of **Sustainable financing** of the ITCP (TC 63/WP.1, paragraphs 4.10 to 4.17), the Committee commended the Secretariat's useful overview of the efforts made to meet the balance required to implement the ITCP in its entirety. It acknowledged the contribution, since mid-April 2012, of some US\$6.5 million to ITCP activities, through donations to the six multi-donor trust funds and the 15 financial arrangements held by IMO. The Committee also noted that one-off cash donations of US\$253,569 had been allocated to specific ITCP activities.

17 The Committee noted that a new multi-donor trust fund (MDTF) was being established to support an expanded programme of capacity-building activities in West and Central Africa. Member States as well as industry were urged to make contributions to all MDTFs including this new Fund.

18 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 allocation.

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

19 The Committee was updated on the measures being taken to develop a sustainable strategy for the long-term financing of the ITCP. The Secretary-General stated that, in order to carry out our future work on TC more effectively, the strategy to be developed on resource mobilization will play an important role to secure the long-term, predictable, sustainable and flexible funding from diverse sources.

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

20 The Committee 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 63/WP.1, paragraphs 5.1 to 5.5).

21 The Committee noted that the first phase of a demonstration project on the potential role of maritime transport facilitation in the reduction of poverty had been carried out in Cameroon.

22 The Secretary-General reiterated the importance of the MDGs and their direct link with maritime development issues, noting that the achievement of the MDGs has less than 1,000 days to its end-year of 2015. He apprised the Committee of his efforts within the United Nations system and at the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development that took place in Yokohama, Japan, from 31 May to 3 June 2013, and sought the support of Member States in ensuring that maritime development is included and accorded high priority in the post-2015 development agenda including, the development of Sustainable Development Goals.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRESS

23 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 73 partnership arrangements in operation. It noted the action taken to increase the number of partnership arrangements, while concurrently enhancing existing ones (TC 63/WP.1, paragraphs 6.1 to 6.10).

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

INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE MARITIME SECTOR

25 The Committee noted the report on the implementation activities undertaken under the programme on the Integration of women in the maritime sector (IWMS) from January to December 2012 (TC 63/WP.1, paragraphs 8.1 to 8.10), and the annexed resolution, adopted by the Latin America Forum on women in the maritime sector entitled "The contribution of women in the maritime sector to strengthen the development and sustainability of the maritime and ports community in Latin America". It also noted the outcomes of the IMO Regional Conference on the Development of a Global Strategy for Women Seafarers, held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 16 to 19 April 2013 and in particular the Busan Declaration, also annexed to the document, which marked the commitment of the conference participants in support of the development of a global strategy for women seafarers.

26 The Committee commended the Secretariat on achieving a significant milestone in the history of the programme which had been created through an integrative vision, taking into account the goals of the ITCP. The 25th anniversary of IMO's far-reaching gender programme was marked by the production of a video entitled "Women at the Helm", a short film which demonstrated how the work of IMO, and others, has promoted positive change for women in shipping, and highlighted first-hand experiences from those who have already succeeded in pursuing a career at sea. The Committee acknowledged that IMO was at the vanguard of gender equality implementation within the United Nations system, and specialized agencies, in particular.

27 The Committee further noted the global lack of training berths available for both men and women cadets. This issue is directly in line with IMO's IWMS programme and the Committee was informed that the Secretariat had been collaborating with the Global On-Board-Training Center (GOBTC) with a view to ensuring the funding of a number of berths on training ships through the ITCP.

OTHER ITEMS

28 The Committee noted the information presented by the Secretary-General on a sustainable maritime transportation system, which provided an insight into IMO's vision on the future of maritime development. The Committee was informed that, the Secretary-General had engaged in consultations with industry partners, as well as organizations, to consider the sustainability of maritime transportation system, the outcome of which he would present at an event in the context of the World Maritime Day celebration in September 2013, as a meaningful contribution in to its theme – "Sustainable Development: IMO's Contribution Beyond Rio+20".

29 The Committee expressed its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the celebratory event held on 10 July 2013 to mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of WMU, which had grown into a global maritime training institute of truly world class. The Committee noted that the University was founded in order to address the shortage of well-qualified, highly-educated maritime experts, particularly in developing countries, and that, to date, 3,477 students from 164 countries had graduated from WMU.

30 The Committee approved the proposed draft planned outputs for the 2014-2015 biennium together with its work programme for the period 2014-2017, and requested the Secretariat to undertake a holistic review of the planned outputs to ensure consistency across the work of the Organization, taking also into consideration the discussions during the session on the Promotion of Technical Co-operation and Transfer of Technology relating to the Improvement of Energy Efficiency of Ships.

31 The Committee also noted progress on other items, including the Impact Assessment Exercise 2008-2011; the delivery of training courses for auditors under VIMSAS; and capacity-building under the global maritime training institutions.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2014

32 The Committee noted that the present Vice-Chairman, Dr. Youngsun (Sammy) Park (Republic of Korea), was not available for re-election. The Committee expressed its sincere appreciation for the outstanding contribution which Dr. Park had made over the years to the work of the Committee and for facilitating the implementation of the ITCP.

33 The Committee re-elected Mrs. Nancy Karigithu (Kenya), as Chairman, and elected Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia), as Vice-Chairman, for 2014, both by acclamation.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

34 The Council is invited to:

- .1 approve the summary of the Committee's report on its sixty-third session (C 110/12/Add.1), in particular the Committee's approval of the ITCP for 2014-2015 and the proposed draft planned outputs for the same period, taking into consideration the discussions during the session on the Promotion of Technical Co-operation and Transfer of Technology relating to the Improvement of Energy Efficiency of Ships, and ensuring a holistic review of the planned outputs to ensure consistency across the work of the Organization;
 - .2 approve an allocation of £10 million (US\$15.5 million at the exchange rate of 1.55) from the TC Fund to support the delivery of the ITCP during the 2014-2015 biennium; and
 - .3 authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee's sixty-third session to the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.
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