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CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of the ninety-second session of the Maritime Safety Committee
<i>Strategic directions:</i>	1.1, 1.3, 2, 3.5, 4, 5.1 to 5.4, 6.1, 6.2, 7.1, 7.2, 8, 10 and 12.1 to 12.3
<i>High-level actions:</i>	1.1.2, 1.3.5, 2.0.1, 2.0.3, 3.5.1, 4.0.2, 4.0.5, 5.1.1 to 5.4.1, 6.1.1, 6.2.1, 7.1.2, 7.2.1, 8.0.2, 8.0.3, 10.0.1 and 12.1.1 to 12.3.1
<i>Planned outputs:</i>	1.1.2.1 to 1.1.2.5, 1.1.2.7 to 1.2.2.12, 1.1.2.15 to 1.1.2.27, 1.3.5.1, 1.3.5.2, 2.0.1.2 to 2.0.1.6, 2.0.1.13, 2.0.1.19, 2.0.1.22 to 2.0.1.24, 2.0.3.1 to 2.0.3.5, 3.5.1.2, 4.0.2.1 to 4.0.2.3, 4.0.5.1, 5.1.1.1 to 5.2.3.6, 5.2.3.9 to 5.2.4.4, 5.2.4.6 to 5.4.1.1, 6.1.1.1, 6.1.1.2, 6.2.1.1, 6.2.1.2, 7.1.2.15, 7.2.1.1, 7.2.2.1, 8.0.2.5, 8.0.3.2, 10.0.1.1, 10.0.1.2 and 12.1.1.1 to 12.3.1.3
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 31
<i>Related documents:</i>	MSC 92/26 and addenda

INTRODUCTION

1 The report of the ninety-second session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 92/26 and addenda) is submitted to the 110th session of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 29 of the IMO Convention.

2 The ninety-second session of the Maritime Safety Committee was held from 12 to 21 June 2013 under the chairmanship of Mr. Christian Breinholt (Denmark), and the Vice-Chairman, Capt. M. Segar (Singapore), was also present. It was attended by 116 Member States; three Associate Members; two United Nations system organizations; six intergovernmental and 48 non-governmental organizations.

3 Decisions of the Committee of interest to the Council are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS

- 4 The Committee considered and adopted (MSC 92/26, section 3):¹
- .1 by resolution MSC.349(92), *the Code for recognized organizations (RO Code)*;
 - .2 by resolution MSC.350(92), *Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended*;
 - .3 by resolution MSC.351(92), *Amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 1994 (1994 HSC Code)*;
 - .4 by resolution MSC.352(92), *Amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code)*;
 - .5 by resolution MSC.353(92), *Amendments to the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (International Safety Management (ISM) Code)*;
 - .6 by resolution MSC.354(92), *Amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code*;
 - .7 by resolution MSC.355(92), *Amendments to the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC), 1972*; and
 - .8 by resolution MSC.356(92), *Amendments to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (1988 Load Lines Protocol)*.

5 The above amendments (subparagraphs .2 to .6 and .8) are expected to enter into force on 1 January 2015 upon their deemed acceptance on 1 July 2014. The RO Code (subparagraph .1) is expected to be effective on 1 January 2015 upon the entry into force of the associated amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention. The amendments to the 1972 CSC (subparagraph .7) are expected to enter into force on 1 July 2014 upon their deemed acceptance on 1 January 2014.

Adoption of amendments to relevant non-mandatory instruments

6 The Committee also adopted amendments to the following relevant non-mandatory instruments:

- .1 the 1979, 1989 and 2009 Codes for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (1979, 1989 and 2009 MODU Codes), by resolutions MSC.357(92), MSC.358(92) and MSC.359(92); and
- .2 *Amendments to the Code of Safety for Dynamically Supported Craft (DSC Code)*, by resolution MSC.360(92).

7 The Committee also established a Correspondence Group on *Development of Guidance on Drafting of Amendments to the SOLAS Convention and Related Mandatory Codes* (paragraphs 3.86 to 3.89).

¹ References hereunder are to sections and paragraphs of, and annexes to, the report of MSC 92 (document MSC 92/26).

PASSENGER SHIP SAFETY

8 The Committee made progress on passenger ship safety issues emanating from the **Costa Concordia** accident and, in particular (section 6):

- .1 approved MSC.1/Circ.1446/Rev.2 on Recommended interim measures for passenger ship companies to enhance the safety of passenger ships; and
- .2 instructed the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the working group, to revise the long-term Action Plan and reissue it as MSC 92/WP.8/Rev.1.

REPORTS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES

9 The Committee approved, in general, the reports of DSC 17, FP 56, COMSAR 17, BLG 17, SLF 55, FSI 21 and DE 57 and also dealt with urgent matters emanating from STW 44 (sections 7 to 14). Decisions on important issues emanating from these reports are provided in paragraphs 10 to 19.

Use of national tonnage in applying international conventions

10 MSC 92 approved the draft Assembly resolution on *Use of national tonnage in applying international conventions* (annex 22), for submission to the Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session for adoption.

Notification and circulation through GISIS

11 MSC 92 approved the draft Assembly resolution on *Notification and circulation through the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)* (annex 26), for submission to the Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session for adoption.

Casualty-related matters

12 MSC 92 approved the draft Assembly resolution on *Guidelines to assist investigators in the implementation of the Casualty Investigation Code* (resolution MSC.255(84)) (annex 27), to revoke resolutions A.849(20) and A.884(21), for submission to the Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session for adoption.

Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification

13 MSC 92 approved the draft Assembly resolution on *Amendments to the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), 2011* (resolution A.1053(27)) (annex 28), for submission to the Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session for adoption.

III Code-related matter

14 MSC 92 approved the draft Assembly resolution on *2013 Non-exhaustive list of obligations under instruments relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)* (annex 29), for submission to the Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session for adoption.

IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme

15 MSC 92 approved the draft Assembly resolution on *IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme* (annex 30) to revoke resolution A.600(15), for submission to the Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session for adoption.

Revision of Recommendations for the training, competency and fitness for duty of personnel on mobile offshore units (MOUs)

16 The Committee approved the draft Assembly resolution on *Recommendations for the training, competency and fitness for duty of personnel on mobile offshore units (MOUs)* (annex 37), for submission to the Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session for adoption.

Draft amendments to SOLAS and relevant mandatory instruments

17 In considering the draft amendments to SOLAS and relevant mandatory instruments prepared by the sub-committees, the Committee approved:

- .1 draft amendments to SOLAS regulations II-2/1, II-2/3, II-2/4.5.5, II-2/9.7, II-2/10, II-2/13.4, II-2/16.3.3 and II-2/18 and the draft new SOLAS regulation II-2/20-1 (annex 13);
- .2 draft amendments to SOLAS chapter III, to make the draft MSC resolution on *Requirements for periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats and rescue boats mandatory* (annexes 31 and 32);
- .3 draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/29 (annex 35);
- .4 draft amendments to the FSS Code (chapter 15) (annex 14);
- .5 draft amendments to the IBC Code (annex 16);
- .6 draft amendments to the IGC Code (annex 17);
- .7 draft amendments to the LSA Code (annex 33); and
- .8 draft amendments to the 2011 ESP Code (annex 36),

and requested the Secretary-General to circulate them in accordance with SOLAS article VIII, with a view to adoption at MSC 93.

Draft amendments to the STCW Convention and the STCW Code

18 The Committee approved draft amendments to the STCW Convention and the STCW Code, to make the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code) mandatory; and draft amendments to part A of the STCW Code related to Minimum in-service eyesight standards for seafarers (annexes 38 and 39) and requested the Secretary-General to circulate them in accordance with article XII of the STCW Convention.

Approval/adoption of non-mandatory instruments

19 The Committee approved draft amendments to the BCH Code (annex 19), the EGC Code (annex 20) and the GC Code (annex 21), with a view to adoption at MSC 93.

- 20 In addition, the Committee adopted:
- .1 by resolution MSC.361(92), *Operation of the International LRIT Data Exchange after 2013*;
 - .2 by resolution MSC.362(92), *Revised Recommendation on a standard method for evaluating cross-flooding arrangements*;
 - .3 by resolution MSC.363(92), *Performance standards for electronic inclinometers*; and
 - .4 by resolution MSC.364(92), *Procedure for calculating the number of fishing vessels of each Contracting State to the 2012 Cape Town Agreement by the Depositary on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 by the Depositary*.

REVIEW AND REFORM OF THE ORGANIZATION

Names and terms of reference of the restructured sub-committees

21 The Committee approved the names and terms of reference for the following subsidiary bodies of the MSC and MEPC, as appropriate, which will replace the existing subsidiary bodies starting from the 2014-2015 biennium (annex 40):

- .1 Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC);
- .2 Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW);
- .3 Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III);
- .4 Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR);
- .5 Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR);
- .6 Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC); and
- .7 Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE).

22 The Committee approved the biennial agendas for 2014-2015 and the provisional agendas for the respective first sessions of the restructured sub-committees (annexes 41 and 42). See also document C 110/3/1 (Secretariat).

WORK PROGRAMME

Unplanned outputs

23 In accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Guidelines on the application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization* (resolution A.1013(26)), the Committee, having agreed to the DE (SDC) Sub-Committees' biennial agendas and the provisional agendas for their forthcoming sessions, invited the Council to endorse, for inclusion in the current High-level Action Plan, the unplanned output on *Guidelines addressing the carriage of more than 12 industrial personnel on board vessels engaged on international voyages*.

Status of planned outputs for the 2012-2013 biennium

24 The Committee invited the Council to note the report on the status of planned outputs for the 2012-2013 biennium (annex 43).

Proposals for the High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium

25 The Committee approved the proposals for the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium for matters under the purview of the Maritime Safety Committee, for submission to C 110; instructed the Secretariat to undertake a holistic review of the outputs to ensure consistency across the work of the Organization, taking into account document MSC 92/23/6; and requested the Secretariat to submit any changes to the annexed proposals emanating from NAV 59 and DSC 18 to CWGSP 13 or C/ES.27, as appropriate (annex 44).

Post-biennial agenda of the Committee

26 The Committee invited the Council to note the updated post-biennial agenda of the Maritime Safety Committee (annex 45).

Intersessional meetings

27 The Committee approved the following intersessional meetings for the Council's endorsement (paragraph 23.28):

- .1 a meeting of the ESPH Working Group, to be held from 21 to 25 October 2013, as approved by MSC 91 and MEPC 64;
- .2 a meeting of the ESPH Working Group, to take place in 2014, as approved by MEPC 65;
- .3 the second meeting of the E&T Group for the IMDG Code, to be held from 23 to 27 September 2013, directly after DSC 18, as approved by MSC 91;
- .4 the first meeting of the E&T Group for the IMBSC Code, to take place in the first half of 2014;
- .5 a meeting of the Polar Code Working Group, to be held from 30 September to 4 October 2013, as concurrently approved by MEPC 65;
- .6 the twentieth session of the ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group on Search and Rescue, to be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from 23 to 27 September 2013;
- .7 a meeting of the ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group on Search and Rescue, to take place in 2014;
- .8 the ninth meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group on Maritime Radiocommunication Matters, to be held at IMO Headquarters from 14 to 18 October 2013;
- .9 a meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group on Maritime Radiocommunication Matters, to take place in 2014; and
- .10 a meeting of the Experts Group on Formal Safety Assessment, to be held from 11 to 13 November 2013.

Meeting-weeks of the Committee for the 2014–2015 biennium

28 The Committee recalled that MSC 91 had approved the proposed plan of 21 meeting-weeks for the MSC and the MEPC and their subsidiary bodies for the 2014-2015 biennium, as a basis for the preparation of the Secretary-General's relevant budget proposals.

29 The Committee further recalled that MSC 91 had approved eight days for MSC 93 (May 2014), five days for MSC 94 (November 2014) and, provisionally, eight days for MSC 95 (May 2015).

OTHER ITEMS

30 The Committee also made progress on other items, including measures to enhance maritime security; goal-based new ship construction standards; technical co-operation activities relating to maritime safety and security; capacity-building for the implementation of new measures; formal safety assessment; piracy and armed robbery against ships; general cargo ship safety; implementation of instruments and related matters; relations with other organizations; and any other business. The list of circulars approved by MSC 92 is attached to document MSC 92/WP.1/Add.2.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

31 The Council is invited to:

- .1 consider the report of the ninety-second session of the Maritime Safety Committee and, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention, transmit it, with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly (paragraph 1);
- .2 note the adoption, by the Committee, of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and mandatory codes and resolutions related thereto; amendments to the 1972 CSC; and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol, as well as approval/adoption of non-mandatory instruments (paragraphs 4 to 7);
- .3 note the action taken by the Committee on issues related to passenger ship safety (paragraph 8);
- .4 note the action taken by the Committee on the report of relevant sub-committees, in particular that MSC 92 approved seven draft Assembly resolutions, for submission to the Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session for adoption (paragraphs 9 to 20);
- .5 note for budgetary planning purposes the approved restructuring of the sub-committees for the 2014-2015 biennium, which has resulted in the reduction of their number from 9 to 7 (paragraphs 21 and 22);
- .6 endorse the unplanned output agreed at the session for inclusion in the current High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2012-2013 biennium (paragraph 23);
- .7 note the report on the status of planned outputs for the 2012-2013 biennium (paragraph 24);

- .8 endorse the proposed High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium for matters under the purview of the Maritime Safety Committee (paragraph 25);
 - .9 note the updated post-biennial agenda of the Maritime Safety Committee (paragraph 26);
 - .10 endorse the intersessional meetings approved for 2013 and 2014 (paragraph 27);
 - .11 note that, for budgetary planning purposes, the proposed number of meeting-weeks for the coming biennium will be reduced from 25 to 21 weeks, for inclusion in the Secretary-General's relevant budget proposals for the 2014-2015 biennium (paragraph 28);
 - .12 note the Committee approved eight days for MSC 93 (May 2014), five days for MSC 94 (November 2014) and eight days for MSC 95 (May 2015), for inclusion in the Secretary-General's relevant budget proposals for the 2014-2015 biennium (paragraph 29); and
 - .13 note the action taken by the Committee on other items, in particular the various circulars approved by MSC 92 (paragraph 30).
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