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## STABILITY, LOAD LINES AND FISHING VESSELS SAFETY

### Report of the fifty-second session of the Sub-Committee

#### Note by the Secretariat

#### SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	The Committee is invited to take action on matters emanating from SLF 52
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	No related provisions
<i>High-level action:</i>	No related provisions
<i>Planned output:</i>	No related provisions
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 2 and 3
<i>Related documents:</i>	SLF 52/19 and Add.1

1 The Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) held its fifty-second session from 25 to 29 January 2010 and its report on that session has been circulated under the symbols SLF 52/19 and SLF 52/19/Add.1.

2 The Committee is invited to:

- .1 approve the draft MSC resolution on Amendment to part B of the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code), with a view to adoption at MSC 88, to update the reference to the 2009 MODU Code in the IS Code (paragraph 3.18 and annex 1)\*;
- .2 approve the draft Safety Recommendations for decked fishing vessels of less than 12 metres in length and undecked fishing vessels and request the Secretariat to forward them to FAO and ILO for concurrent approval, as appropriate (paragraph 4.10 and annex 2);
- .3 consider requesting the Secretariat to make the Safety Recommendations available on the public side of the IMO website and to also disseminate them by means of a CD-ROM at no cost to users, and take action as appropriate (paragraph 4.16);

\* All references are to paragraphs of, and annexes to, the report of SLF 52 (SLF 52/19 and SLF 52/19/Add.1).

- .4 consider the Sub-Committee's recommendation to invite the Technical Co-operation Committee to consider including the Safety Recommendations within the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP) and, when implementing a related TC activity, securing funding for translation of the Safety Recommendations into the language of the recipient countries, if it is not one of the six official languages of IMO, and take action as appropriate (paragraph 4.17);
- .5 note the progress in development of the draft Guidelines to assist competent authorities (Implementation Guidelines) in the implementation of Part B of the Fishing Vessels Safety Code, the Voluntary Guidelines and the Safety Recommendations and the referral of the draft Implementation Guidelines to the FSI Sub-Committee for comments and proposals (paragraphs 4.18 to 4.20);
- .6 note the Sub-Committee's consideration on the development of options to improve effect of the 1969 TM Convention on ship design and safety, in particular that the Sub-Committee generally agreed to the option aiming at preparing amendments to the interpretations of the provisions of the Convention (circular TM.5/Circ.5), instead of amending the Convention, and that the Sub-Committee addressed the issue of the accommodation for trainees (paragraphs 5.6 to 5.9);
- .7 note that the Sub-Committee finalized the draft Guidance for the determination by Administrations of the impact of open watertight doors on passenger ship survivability under SOLAS regulation II-1/22.4 and previous SOLAS regulation II-1/15.9.3 and referred it to DE 54 for incorporation in the related Guidance under development by the DE Sub-Committee, to be issued under the cover of a single MSC circular (paragraphs 7.10 to 7.14 and annex 3);
- .8 note the progress on the development of the design and operational guidelines for verification of damage stability for tankers and bulk carriers and, in particular, taking into account the concerns expressed regarding planned port State control concentrated inspection campaign, urge Member Governments to bear in mind, in this regard, the current work being undertaken to develop design and operational guidelines (paragraphs 9.3 to 9.12);
- .9 note the outcome of the Sub-Committee's consideration on the development of an Agreement/Assembly resolution on the implementation of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol and approve the holding of an intersessional meeting of the Working Group on Fishing Vessel Safety to finalize the above Agreement/Assembly resolution for the implementation of the Protocol and to develop the associated amendments thereto (paragraphs 12.13 to 12.18);
- .10 approve the draft MSC circular on Unified interpretations of SOLAS chapter II-1 (paragraph 13.3 and annex 4);
- .11 approve the draft MSC circular on Unified interpretations of the 1966 LL Convention and the 1988 LL Protocol as modified by resolution MSC.143(77) (paragraph 13.3 and annex 5); and
- .12 approve the report in general.

### **Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for SLF 53**

3 The Committee is also invited to note the biennial agenda of the Sub-Committee and approve the revised target completion dates of the planned outputs (paragraph 15.3 and annex 6); approve the proposed provisional agenda for SLF 53 (paragraph 15.3 and annex 7); and endorse the report on the status of the Sub-Committee's planned outputs in the High-level Action Plan for the current biennium (paragraph 15.7 and annex 8), under agenda item 24 (Work programme).

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