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## STABILITY AND LOAD LINES AND FISHING VESSELS SAFETY

### Report of the fifty-third 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 53
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 53
<i>High-level action:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 53
<i>Planned output:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 53
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraphs 2 and 3
<i>Related document:</i>	SLF 53/19

1 The Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) held its fifty-third session from 10 to 14 January 2011 and its report on that session has been circulated under the symbol SLF 53/19.

2 The Committee is invited to:

- .1 note that the Sub-Committee agreed to include excessive stability of timber deck carriers in the plan of action for the development of second generation intact stability criteria and that no action should be taken at this time regarding a possible revision of the 1966 LL Convention and 1988 LL Protocol (paragraphs 3.29 and 3.30);
- .2 approve the draft Guidelines to assist competent authorities in the implementation of Part B of the Code of Safety for fishermen and fishing vessels, the Voluntary Guidelines for the design, construction and equipment of small fishing vessels and the Safety Recommendations for decked fishing vessels of less than 12 metres in length and undecked fishing vessels and request the Secretariat to forward the Implementation Guidelines to FAO and ILO for concurrent approval (paragraph 4.5 and annex 1);

- .3 request the Secretariat to make the Implementation Guidelines available on the public IMO website, when appropriate (paragraph 4.6.1);
- .4 invite the Technical Co-operation Committee to consider including, within the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP), the securing of funding for translation of the Implementation Guidelines into the language of recipient countries, if it is not one of the six official languages of IMO (paragraph 4.6.2);
- .5 endorse the Sub-Committee's decisions on the best way to improve the effect of the 1969 TM Convention on ship design and safety and approve the justification for the inclusion, in the Sub-Committee's biennial agenda for 2012–2013, of a new planned output on "Development of provisions to ensure the integrity and uniform implementation of the 1969 TM Convention" (paragraphs 5.6 and 5.7 and annex 2);
- .6 note that the Sub-Committee considered the draft Interpretations to SOLAS regulation II-2/21 (Safe return to port and safe areas) that are under the purview of the Sub-Committee and that the outcome has been forwarded to FP 55 for coordination purposes (paragraph 7.14 and annex 3);
- .7 approve the draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/8-1 to introduce a mandatory requirement for either onboard stability computers or shore-based support, with a view to subsequent adoption (paragraph 7.16 and annex 4);
- .8 approve the draft MSC circular on Guidelines on operational information for masters of passenger ships for safe return to port by own power or under tow (paragraph 7.18 and annex 5);
- .9 note that the Sub-Committee referred the matter of additional training for masters and crew members assigned to operate stability computers to the STW Sub-Committee for further consideration (paragraph 7.20);
- .10 note that the Sub-Committee had referred its comments on the draft Guidelines for passenger ship tenders to DE 55 for coordination purposes (paragraphs 9.4 and 9.6);
- .11 approve the justification to expand the scope of the output on "Review of damage stability regulations for ro-ro passenger ships", and extend the target completion year to 2013 (paragraphs 10.9 and 10.10 and annex 6);
- .12 consider the draft Agreement (option 1) and draft Assembly resolution (option 2) prepared in order to facilitate the implementation of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol, taking into account that the Sub-Committee had a clear indication to recommend the draft Agreement to the Committee, and in particular:
  - .1 agree on one of the aforementioned options (paragraphs 11.22 and 11.25 and annexes 7 and 8);
  - .2 approve the full text of the chosen instrument, taking into account that the draft Agreement has square brackets in paragraphs (1) and (3) of article 4 (paragraph 11.21 and annexes 7 and 8);

- .3 consider the draft amendments to the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol and take action accordingly (paragraph 11.30 and annex 9); and
- .4 consider whether to adopt the chosen instrument by a diplomatic conference or at the next Assembly and take action, as appropriate (paragraph 11.32);
- .13 approve the draft Assembly resolution on amendment to the 1966 LL Convention, with a view to adoption at MSC 90 and A 28 (paragraph 13.5 and annex 10);
- .14 approve the draft amendment to the 1988 LL Protocol, with a view to adoption at MSC 90 (paragraph 13.5 and annex 11); and
- .15 approve the report in general.

#### **Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for SLF 54**

3 The Committee is also invited to approve the biennial agenda of the Sub-Committee for the 2012-2013 biennium (paragraph 16.7 and annex 12); approve the draft provisional agenda for SLF 54 (paragraph 16.7 and annex 13); and note the report on the status of the Sub-Committee's planned outputs in the High-level Action Plan for the current biennium (paragraph 16.11 and annex 14), under agenda item 22 (Work programme).

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