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STABILITY AND LOAD LINES AND FISHING VESSELS SAFETY

Report of the fifty-fourth 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 54.
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 54
<i>High-level action:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 54
<i>Planned output:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 54
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraphs 2 and 3
<i>Related document:</i>	SLF 54/17

1 The Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) held its fifty-fourth session from 16 to 20 January 2012 and its report on that session has been circulated under the symbol SLF 54/17.

2 The Committee is invited to:

- .1 note that the Sub-Committee considered the issue of developing alternative requirements for the prevention of accidents due to liquefaction through ship design, referred to it by DSC 16, and agreed to await the outcome of DE 56, the seventeenth session of the Editorial and Technical Group on the IMSBC Code (E&T 17) and DSC 17 before proceeding with the work on the matter (paragraph 3.7)*;
- .2 note that the Sub-Committee included the issue of guidance for ships carrying timber deck cargoes regarding the increased weight of ice in relation to the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 IS Code, referred to it by DSC 16, in the terms of reference of the IS Correspondence Group (paragraph 3.19);

* References hereunder are to paragraphs of and annexes to the report of SLF 54 (SLF 54/17).

- .3 note that the Sub-Committee included the issue of approval of damage stability modules for safe return to port, referred to it by MSC 89, in the terms of reference of the SDS Correspondence Group (paragraph 4.9);
- .4 approve the justification to expand the scope of the output on "Development of guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers" to include the development of mandatory carriage requirements for stability instruments on board tankers, and extend the target completion year to 2013 (paragraph 5.7 and annex 1);
- .5 endorse the decision of the Sub-Committee to submit the principally agreed draft Guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers, together with the associated draft mandatory carriage requirements, for approval, once the latter have been completed (paragraph 5.8);
- .6 approve the draft amendments to regulation 27 of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as modified by the Protocol of 1988 relating thereto, with a view to adoption at MSC 91 (paragraph 5.11 and annex 2);
- .7 endorse the agreement of the Sub-Committee that no further work is necessary regarding matters related to the verification of damage stability requirements for bulk carriers and note that the associated output was deleted from the Sub-Committee's biennial agenda (paragraph 5.15);
- .8 adopt the draft MSC resolution on Amendments to the Guidelines for the design and construction of offshore supply vessels (resolution MSC.235(82)) and note that the amendments apply to new ships as stipulated in paragraph 1.1.1 of the Guidelines (paragraph 7.8 and annex 3);
- .9 approve the draft LL.3 circular on Unified interpretations of the 1966 LL Convention and the 1988 LL Protocol as amended by resolution MSC.143(77) (paragraph 11.3 and annex 4);
- .10 note that matters related to the investigation report on the very serious casualty on board the containership **Chicago Express** were forwarded to the Correspondence Group on Intact Stability for further consideration (paragraph 16.3);
- .11 endorse the action taken by the Sub-Committee on updating the footnote to paragraph (6) of regulation 44 of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol (paragraph 16.6); and
- .12 approve the report in general.

Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for SLF 55

3 The Committee is also invited to approve the biennial agenda of the Sub-Committee for the 2012-2013 biennium (paragraph 14.3 and annex 5); approve the draft provisional agenda for SLF 55 (paragraph 14.3 and annex 6); 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 14.6 and annex 7), under agenda item 25 (Work programme).