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CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of the sixty-fifth session of the Technical Cooperation 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 36
<i>Related documents:</i>	C 114/10 and TC 65/WP.1

INTRODUCTION

1 The report of the sixty-fifth session of the Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 65/WP.1)¹ is submitted to the 114th session of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 44 of the IMO Convention.

2 The sixty-fifth session of the Committee was held from 22 to 24 June 2015 under the chairmanship of Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia), in accordance with rule 17(b) of the Committee's Rules of Procedure following the resignation of Mrs. Nancy Karigithu (Kenya) from the post of the Committee's Chairman for 2015. The Committee session was attended by 73 Member States; one Associate Member; six intergovernmental organizations and ten non-governmental organizations.

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 65/WP.1.

¹ The final report of the session will be circulated as document TC 65/16.

INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Annual report for 2014

4 The Committee noted the information provided in the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) Annual Report for 2014 (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 3.1 to 3.7), which reflected expenditure of \$13.8 million for 2014, representing a financial delivery rate of 76% of the resources programmed for that year and featuring 21 sources of funding, with the Technical Cooperation Fund (TC Fund) being the most significant, at \$5.8 million, representing 42% of the overall total funds expended. In total, 213 activities were delivered, including the implementation of 24 advisory and needs assessment missions and 107 training courses, seminars and workshops held at the national, regional and global levels. These training events covered an extensive range of maritime topics and resulted in the training of approximately 3,402 persons worldwide in 2014. In addition, another 73 fellows completed fellowships in the maritime field, and 1,547 officials attended events aimed at developing and harmonizing regional strategies on maritime technical matters.

Programme for 2016 and 2017

5 The Committee was informed of the progress in connection with the project on the development of a prototype of a Maritime Single Window (MSW) to assist Member States which are Contracting Governments to the FAL in the implementation of the proposed amendments to the annex to the 1965 FAL Convention and, in particular, the establishment of systems for the electronic exchange of information in the interest of facilitating international trade and for the benefit of sustainable development (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 3.9 to 3.17).

6 The Committee approved the continuation of the inclusion of the project as part of the ITCP for 2016 and 2017 and with a view to making informed decisions on the further progression and direction of the project requested the Secretariat to submit a clear project outline on the development of the single window concept together with the relating budget estimates for the initial and annually recurring costs taking into account the offer of Norway to make available to the Secretariat their single window and the use, as much as possible, of open source software. The Committee noted that an Advisory Board composed of representatives from Member States, shipping industry stakeholders and the Secretariat would supervise the development of the project.

7 The Committee also considered, following related discussions during LEG 102, a proposal from ITF for the integration of issues relating to the fair treatment of seafarers in the ITCP (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 3.18 to 3.22) and approved, subject to the availability of resources, the development of technical assistance material to foster the wide implementation of the *Guidelines on Fair Treatment of Seafarers in the Event of a Maritime Accident*.

8 The Committee considered the proposed **Programme for 2016-2017** (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 3.24 to 3.29). It was informed that the ITCP for the next biennium was the culmination of collective efforts of the Secretariat, Member States and development partners. The Committee further noted that for its preparation, a number of elements and priority areas were taken into account, including the request of individual Member States through the Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs) or written requests, the effective implementation of the Member State audit and the formulation of national maritime transportation policies. In the preparation of the programme, the capacity-building needs of Member States, particularly Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), resulting from amendments to existing IMO treaties together with the development of new instruments, were also taken into consideration.

9 The Committee approved the ITCP for 2016 and 2017 including the core activities planned under regional and global programmes, subject to adequate funding estimated at some \$24,164,000.

FINANCING THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

TC Fund allocation for 2016 and 2017

10 The Committee was advised that the Council, at its 113th session, when considering the Results-based budget: outline of budgetary implications for 2016-2017, noted the suggestion of the Secretary-General for the allocation of £10 million from the surplus of the Trading Fund to the TC Fund for the 2016/2017 biennium and on that basis considered the proposals of the Secretariat in relation to the allocation of the resources of the **TC Fund for 2016-2017** (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 4.1 to 4.6).

11 The Committee noted that the overall allocation would cover 62% of the total requirement of the ITCP and that the Secretariat should engage with donors and other technical cooperation partners in pursuance of its resource mobilization efforts to secure the financing of the remaining ITCP activities.

12 The Committee, on the basis of the current expenditure pattern and trends, approved the proposed allocation of £5,150,000 for 2016 and of £4,850,000 for 2017 and its programmed use during 2016-2017 subject to any adjustments which the Secretariat may have to make, and eventually report to the Committee at its next session, as a result of:

- .1 the final decisions of the Council and the Assembly as to the amount which will be allocated to the TC Fund; and
- .2 the exchange rate² between £ and US\$ at the time when the funds will be released and converted into US\$.

Sustainable financing

13 With regard to the issue of sustainable financing of the ITCP (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 4.7 to 4.11), the Committee noted the information on the status of voluntary funds and cash donations made to IMO's technical cooperation activities since its last session, as well as updated information on developments on sustainable financing of the ITCP. Thirteen financial arrangements were in operation, eight of which had been established with government agencies of Canada (x2), Egypt, Italy, Norway (x2), the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom, and the remainder with international and regional organizations and industry. Notwithstanding the current global economic climate, from 1 May 2014 to date, some \$3.3 million had been contributed to the seven multi-donor trust funds (MDTFs) and financial arrangements held by IMO, and one-off cash donations to specific ITCP activities amounted to some \$869,000, a significant increase from the cash donations of some \$480,000 which was reported at TC 64. Nine Member States have also donated their interest earnings accumulated under the Contributions Incentive Scheme, during 2006-2013, for technical assistance purposes.

² The exchange rate which was used in the proposals of the Secretariat was £1 = \$1.50.

LINKAGE BETWEEN THE ITCP AND THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

14 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 65/WP.1, paragraphs 5.1 to 5.8) and in particular the progress made so far in the implementation of the demonstration project on the linkage between the potential role of maritime transport facilitation and the reduction of poverty using the ports in Cameroon as case studies. It also noted those ITCP activities relating to SAR and GMDSS, safety of non-SOLAS vessels, protection of the marine environment, Ballast Water Management awareness, improvement in partnership arrangements, combating HIV/AIDs, and the promotion of gender equality in the maritime sector, which also contributed to the MDGs.

15 The Committee noted that the work of the Secretariat on the MDGs was in line with the United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/60/1 and the 2005 World Summit Outcome. In addition, the Committee noted the key millennium development goals milestone for United Nations system organizations for managing the transition from the MDGs to the SDGs.

THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

16 The Committee noted the information on the development by the United Nations of the SDGs and the post-2015 development agenda (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 6.1 to 6.2). It further noted that the Secretariat will align its work with these, after their adoption by the United Nations, and evolve the ITCP and technical assistance activities within the framework of the SDGs, the post-2015 development agenda and the Sustainable Maritime Development Goals (SMDGs) identified by the Organization within the concept of a Sustainable Maritime Transportation System.

NATIONAL MARITIME TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

17 The Committee was informed of the Secretariat's plans to enhance assistance to Member States in the development of national maritime transportation policies (NMTPs) within the context of the Secretary-General's initiative on the review and reform of the Organization, and, in particular, the introduction of a new approach to the delivery of technical assistance (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 6.3 to 6.7).

18 The Committee noted that the Secretariat's plans to assist developing countries in formulating and enhancing their NMTPs included the preparation, in close cooperation with the World Maritime University and with financial or in-kind support of interested Member States, of training packages on the development, adoption and updating of NMTPs. Moreover, a pilot technical cooperation project was planned to be implemented in the latter part of 2015 aimed at promoting the importance of NMTPs and facilitating their preparation.

COUNTRY MARITIME PROFILES

19 With regard to Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs) (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 6.8 to 6.12), the Committee was provided with an update on their status of completion by Member States. It was noted that the Secretariat had continued to refine and revise the CMP module to ensure that it was user-friendly and ultimately fit for purpose. It was also noted that, notwithstanding what has been done thus far, a considerable amount of work needed to be done and a major change in the CMPs, which was pending, was the modification of the module in relation to overseas and dependant territories of Member States and that this required a tailor-made solution for each case.

20 The Committee noted that at this stage, the project was still a work in progress to be further developed by the Secretariat, taking into account the experience gained from its use as a planning tool for the ITCP for the 2016-2017 biennium and, notwithstanding the further development of the CMP module, urged those Member States who had not yet provided the information required in the CMPs to do so and those who had done so to keep them up to date.

PARTNERSHIPS

Regional presence

21 The Committee noted the positive impact made and the assistance provided by the IMO Regional Presence Offices, and reaffirmed its appreciation to the host countries of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya and the Philippines for the facilities they had continued to provide. The hosting Member States, which were present during the session, took the opportunity to inform the Committee of their readiness to continue to host them (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.4).

Partnership arrangements

22 The Committee noted the progress made in the implementation of Assembly resolution A.965(23) on the *Development and Improvement of Partnership Arrangements for Technical Cooperation* through the 74 partnerships which were currently in operation for the delivery of technical cooperation activities, 42 of which had been concluded with Member States and Associate Members, and 32 with international organizations, regional institutions and industry (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 7.5 to 7.12).

VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME AND THE IMO MEMBER STATES AUDIT SCHEME

23 The Committee was informed on the status of implementation of the global programme on the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme and the activities delivered since its previous session. It was informed that since IMO had started delivering training courses for auditors under the ITCP, a total number of 791 individuals from 151 countries had been trained through 46 activities worldwide (TC 65/WP.1, paragraph 8.1).

24 The Committee was further informed that the global programme on IMO Member State Audit Scheme for the 2016-2017 biennium was aimed at providing targeted pre-audit assistance in the preparation for the audit and post-audit assistance to individual Member States based on the audit results and corrective action plans, and to provide (TC 65/WP.1, paragraph 8.5).

25 The Committee noted that from the introduction of IMSAS in January 2016 a different approach would be taken when providing pre-audit technical assistance and the full scale mock audits would be discontinued and replaced by mini mock ones (TC 65/WP.1, paragraph 8.4). The Committee further noted the expectation of an increase in the ad hoc requests for technical assistance during the next biennium and, consequently, an increase in the overall size of the ITCP and thus of the funds necessary to deliver all expectations (TC 65/WP.1, paragraph 8.6).

CAPACITY BUILDING: STRENGTHENING THE IMPACT OF WOMEN IN THE MARITIME SECTOR

26 The Committee noted the report on the implementation of activities undertaken under IMO's gender programme on MDG 3: Strengthening Maritime Resource Development, from January to December 2014 (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 9.1 to 9.6). It noted that, during the 27 years of operation of this capacity-building programme, over 430 women maritime administrators had received training fellowships; two medium-term strategies had been implemented; and women maritime managers had found a voice through the seven regional associations established with IMO's support. The Committee also noted the wide geographical coverage of this programme and the variety of maritime subjects that are explored each year through provision of assistance to the regional support networks.

27 The Committee was provided with a report on the conference for the Establishment of a Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean, held in Montego Bay, Jamaica, from 13 to 17 April 2015 (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 9.7 to 9.9), and which launched the Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean (WiMAC), which is the seventh regional network established under the auspices of IMO for the purpose of capacity building for women in the maritime sector. Information was also provided on other meetings and conferences related to the integration of women in the maritime sector and on the activities of the World Maritime University's Women's Association (WMUWA) (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 9.10 to 9.13) and its linkage with IMO's seven regional support networks for sustainability and capacity building.

GLOBAL MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

28 The Committee noted the summary of activities undertaken in 2014 by the World Maritime University (WMU), the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), and the International Maritime Safety, Security and Environment Academy (IMSSEA) and the information which the Secretary-General provided in relation to the latest developments with respect to WMU (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 10.1 to 10.4).

IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXERCISE FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2015: GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND METHODOLOGY

29 The Committee recalled that the Revised Rules of Operation of the Technical Cooperation (TC) Fund³ stipulate that every four years, and in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Committee, the Secretariat shall submit to the Committee and the Council a report providing an assessment of the impact on the beneficiaries of the assistance delivered through the ITCP and the TC Fund resources (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 11.1 to 11.4).

30 The Committee was informed that the External Auditor, in their audit in 2014, had recommended that as the Technical Cooperation Division of the Secretariat is responsible for the planning and execution of the ITCP and its activities, the impact assessment exercise (IAE) required to be submitted to the Committee and the Council, should be managed independently by the Internal Oversight and Ethics Office (IOEO) in the Office of the Secretary-General, which is functionally responsible for the performance of the evaluation function in the Organization. The Committee, whilst noting that in line with the External Auditor's recommendation, the IAE, covering ITCP activities for the period 2012-2015, will be managed by IOEO, adopted, pursuant to the provisions of rule 16 of the Revised Rules of Operation of the TC Fund, the terms of reference for the IAE covering the ITCP for the period 2012-2015.

³ Refer to TC.1/Circ.67.

OTHER ITEMS

31 The Committee noted the outcome of the Conference on the enhancement of safety of ships carrying passengers on non-international voyages which was held in Manila, the Philippines, on 24 April 2015, and expressed its appreciation to the Philippines, for hosting the conference, to Japan, the Pacific Island Member States, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, IACS and INTERFERRY for their contribution to its success (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 2.2 to 2.3). The Committee noted, in particular, that the Organization would continue to assist the Member States on matters relating to the enhancement of the safety of ships carrying passengers on non-international voyages and that the Secretariat was working on matters about which the conference requested action from the Organization.

32 The Committee approved the biennial status report of the Committee for the 2014-2015 biennium and the substantive items for inclusion in its provisional agenda for the period 2016 to 2019 (TC 65/WP.1, paragraph 13.1).

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2015

33 As a result of the resignation of Mrs. Nancy Karigithu (Kenya) from the post of the Chairman of the Committee for 2015, the Committee, pursuant to the provisions of rule 17(b) of its Rules of Procedure elected, by acclamation, Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia), as its Chairman for the rest of 2015 (TC 65/WP.1, paragraph 14.1).

34 Following his election to the post of the Committee's Chairman for the rest of 2015, Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia) resigned from the post of the Committee's Vice-Chairman for 2015 and the Committee, pursuant to the provisions of rule 17(b) of its Rules of Procedure elected, by acclamation, Mr. Laurent Parente (Vanuatu), as its Vice-Chairman for the rest of 2015 (TC 65/WP.1, paragraph 14.2).

35 The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia), as its Chairman, and Mr. Mr. Laurent Parenté (Vanuatu), as its Vice-Chairman, for 2016. The Committee also expressed its thanks to Mrs. Nancy Karigithu (Kenya) for her services to the Committee as its Chairman for the period from January 2012 to June 2015 (TC 65/WP.1, paragraphs 14.3 to 14.5).

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

36 The Council is invited to:

- .1 note the summary of the deliberations of the sixty-fifth session of the Committee set out in this document;
- .2 note that the report of the sixty-fifth session of the Committee does not contain any recommendations on which the Council is required to take specific action; and
- .3 transmit the report of the Committee's sixty-fifth session to the twenty-ninth session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention, together with any comment the Council may have thereto.