

SUB-COMMITTEE ON SHIP DESIGN AND  
CONSTRUCTION  
1st session  
Agenda item 1

SDC 1/1/2  
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## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### Arrangements for working and drafting groups at SDC 1

#### Note by the Secretariat

##### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* The document informs the Sub-Committee of the proposed selection of working and drafting groups for the session, taking into account the volume of documentation submitted on the relevant subjects and relevant decisions of MSC 92

*Strategic direction:* No related provisions

*High-level action:* No related provisions

*Planned output:* No related provisions

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 5

*Related documents:* SDC 1/1/1; MSC 92/WP.10 and MSC 92/26, paragraph 22.23

#### Background

1 MSC 92 approved the tentative arrangements for working and drafting groups relating to the Sub-Committee, as set out in annex 5 to document MSC 92/WP.10, noting that they may be subject to modifications, depending on documentation submitted to this session and the advice of the outgoing Chairmen of the former sub-committees (FP, DE and SLF Sub-Committees).

#### Working/drafting groups proposed to be established at SDC 1

2 According to MSC 92 decisions on the review and reform of the Organization, the election for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee for 2014 will take place at the start of this session. Consequently, the Secretariat reviewed the respective correspondence group reports and other documentation submitted to this session, also taking into account relevant decisions of MSC 92 (see also paragraph 1), and proposes that the following working/drafting groups would be established at this session:

- .1 Working Group on Development of a Mandatory Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (agenda item 3);
- .2 Working Group on Stability (agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8)\*;
- .3 Working Group on Construction (agenda items 18 and 19);
- .4 Drafting Group on Development of Provisions to Ensure the Integrity and Uniform Implementation of the 1969 TM Convention (agenda item 4); and
- .5 Drafting Group on Matters Related to Intact Stability (agenda items 3, 5 and 15)\*\*.

### **Early release of working and drafting groups to start tasks**

4 Delegations are kindly reminded that, in accordance with the *Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.4/Rev.2, paragraph 5.19), working and drafting groups may start work on Monday mornings based on the provisional terms of reference, pending formal discussion of those terms of reference under the relevant agenda item.

### **Action requested of the Sub-Committee**

5 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the above and agree to the proposed arrangements.

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The Working Group on Stability will consider the Development of second-generation intact stability criteria (agenda item 5) separately from the other agenda items, on Monday, 20 January 2014.

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The Drafting Group on Matters Related to Intact Stability will consider matters concerning intact stability in the draft Polar Code; ice accretion in timber deck cargo; and towing, anchor handling and lifting.