

SUB-COMMITTEE ON STABILITY AND  
LOAD LINES AND ON FISHING VESSELS  
SAFETY  
55th session  
Agenda item 1

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## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### Arrangements for working and drafting groups at SLF 55

#### 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 91

*Strategic direction:* No related provisions

*High-level action:* No related provisions

*Planned output:* No related provisions

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 4

*Related documents:* SLF 54/17, paragraph 14.4; SLF 55/1/1 and MSC 91/22, paragraph 2.4

#### Background

1 SLF 54 agreed to establish at this session working groups on subjects selected from among the following:

- .1 intact stability;
- .2 subdivision and damage stability;
- .3 guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers; and
- .4 development of provisions to ensure the integrity and uniform implementation of the 1969 TM Convention,

whereby the Chairman, taking into account the submissions received on the respective subjects, would advise the Sub-Committee well in time before SLF 55 on the proposed selection of such groups.

2 Additionally, MSC 91 (MSC 91/22, paragraph 2.4) instructed SLF 55 to develop a procedure for calculating the number of fishing vessels of each Contracting State of the 2012 Cape Town Agreement, as a matter of high priority under its agenda item "Any other business", for submission to MSC 92 for approval. Therefore, there is a need for an additional working/drafting group to be established, to deal with this matter at this session.

#### **Working/drafting groups proposed to be established at SLF 55**

3 SLF 54 decided to elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee for 2013 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 decision of MSC 91, and proposes that the following working/drafting groups would be established at this session:

- .1 Working Group on Intact Stability (IS) (agenda item 3);
- .2 Working Group on Subdivision and Damage Stability (SDS) (agenda items 4, 7 and 8);
- .3 Working Group on Development of Provisions to Ensure the Integrity and Uniform Implementation of the 1969 TM Convention (agenda item 9);
- .4 Drafting Group on Guidelines for Verification of Damage Stability Requirements for Tankers (agenda items 5 and 6); and
- .5 Drafting Group on Procedure for Calculating the Number of Fishing Vessels of each Contracting State of the 2012 Cape Town Agreement (agenda item 16).

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

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

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