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## COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW CONVENTION AND THE STCW CODE

### Draft Conference Resolution – Accommodation for trainees

Submitted by India

#### SUMMARY

<b><i>Executive summary:</i></b>	This document contains a draft conference resolution urging Member Governments to encourage shipowners to ensure adequate certified accommodation for trainees/cadets
<b><i>Strategic direction:</i></b>	5
<b><i>High-level action:</i></b>	5.2
<b><i>Planned output:</i></b>	5.2.2.1
<b><i>Action to be taken:</i></b>	Paragraph 8
<b><i>Related documents:</i></b>	STW 39/12; MSC 83/12/4, MSC 83/12/4; MSC 85/23/6; STW 40/13/1 and STW 40/14

1 India (MSC 83/12/4) had proposed a long-term solution to address the global shipping manpower shortages by introducing appropriate provision in the relevant IMO instruments for mandatory carriage of trainees on ships engaged in international voyages by providing for training berths on board such ships.

2 Furthermore, India (MSC 85/23/6) had also proposed a new work programme for mandatory accommodation for training berths on all new ships by exempting such spaces from the tonnage calculations. After some discussions, MSC 85 forwarded this proposal to the SLF Sub-Committee, for consideration in the context of its work relating to the 1969 Tonnage Convention.

3 India (STW 40/13/1) had advised the Sub-Committee regarding the proposal for a new work programme item to amend the 1969 Tonnage Convention to exempt accommodation of training berths from tonnage calculations in the work programme of the SLF Sub-Committee.

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4 In this context, STW 40 noted that, following consideration of document MSC 85/23/6 (India), MSC 85 agreed to forward the proposal to the Sub-Committee for its consideration in the context of its work on the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and Code and to advise the Committee accordingly.

5 The proposal by India was to develop requirements to ensure that new ships undertaking international voyages have adequate facilities for the carriage of trainees, including certified accommodation for them, which should also meet the requirements of the ILO Convention on Accommodation of Crew.

6 After an in-depth discussion, STW 40, noting that the SLF Sub-Committee would be considering the proposal by India relating to exemption from inclusion of accommodation spaces for trainees for the purposes of tonnage calculations for new buildings, agreed that it might not be possible to include such provisions within the requirements of the STCW Convention. STW 40 agreed that one way forward could be to adopt a resolution, at the Diplomatic Conference to be convened, to adopt the amendments emanating from the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and Code, urging Member Governments to encourage shipowners to ensure that adequate certified accommodation for trainees/cadets was available on board ships, in particular, new-buildings. Accordingly, STW 40 advised India to prepare a draft resolution in close co-operation with similarly interested Member Governments and international organizations, for consideration at STW 41 with a view to submit it to the Conference for adoption.

7 In light of the foregoing, India has prepared a draft conference resolution for the Sub-Committee's consideration, as set out in the annex, with a view to adoption by the Conference.

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

8 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the draft conference resolution and take action as deemed appropriate.

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**ANNEX**

**DRAFT CONFERENCE RESOLUTION**

**Accommodation for trainees**

THE CONFERENCE,

HAVING ADOPTED the 2010 amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 and the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code,

NOTING the acute shortage of properly trained manpower to effectively man and operate ships engaged in international trade,

RECOGNIZING that the increasingly sophisticated new ships must be entrusted to seafarers who are competent in all respects to operate them in a safe, secure, environmentally-sound and efficient manner,

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that minimum mandatory sea going service as a trainee is a part of the requirements prescribed in the STCW Convention and Code, for operational level and even support level certification,

FINALLY RECOGNIZING that the lack of adequate accommodation for trainees on board ships is a major hurdle to address the present shortage of seafarers in a pragmatic manner,

1. URGES shipowners, managers and companies to provide suitable accommodation for trainees on existing ships;
2. FURTHER URGES shipowners and companies to provide adequate dedicated accommodation for trainees on all new buildings.

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