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ILO's Tripartite Meeting on Safety and Health in the Fishing Industry (Geneva, 13-17 December 1999)

Submitted by the International Labour Office

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 46.5 of the Guidelines on the organization and methods of work of the MSC and the MEPC and their subsidiary bodies. It concerns a planned oral report by the ILO observer on the results of the ILO's Tripartite Meeting on Safety and Health in the Fishing Industry (Geneva, 13-17 December 1999)

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related documents: STW 31/7

Tripartite Meeting on Safety and Health in the Fishing Industry

1 In accordance with a decision taken by the 268th session of the Governing Body of the ILO, a Tripartite Meeting on Safety and Health in the Fishing Industry will be held in Geneva from 13 to 17 December 1999. The purpose of the meeting is: to exchange views on safety and health issues in the fishing industry; to assess work done by the Joint FAO/ILO/IMO Working Group on Fishermen's Training¹; to adopt conclusions which identify follow-up activities; to review ILO standards adopted specifically for fishermen; and to adopt a report on the discussion. The meeting may also adopt resolutions.

2 The Committee agreed that this meeting should be tripartite, with 54 participants, and that the following 18 countries be invited to participate: Algeria, Chile, China, Cuba, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States. The Committee further agreed to place the following countries on a reserve list: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Denmark, France, Ghana, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Tunisia. The 18 Employer and 18 Worker participants will be selected on the basis of nominations made by the Employers' and Workers' Groups of

¹ The Joint FAO/ILO/IMO Working Group on Fishermen's Training and Certification (See STW 31/7 for report of the second session of the Joint Group).

Governing Body of the ILO; they will not necessarily come from the same countries as the Government delegates. Observers from several international organizations (including the IMO and FAO) and non-governmental organizations have also be invited to attend.

3 As the basis for the discussions at the meeting, the International Labour Office has prepared a report - in English, French and Spanish - entitled *Safety and Health in the Fishing Industry*. A copy of the full report is available from the ILO Secretariat and will be made available on the internet at:

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/100secto/techmeet/tmfi99/index/htm> - English version

<http://www.ilo.org/public/french/100secto/techmeet/tmfi99/index/htm> - French version

<http://www.ilo.org/public/spanish/100secto/techmeet/tmfi99/index/htm> - Spanish version

4 The meeting will produce a report containing a summary of the views expressed by participants, conclusions and resolutions. This will be submitted to the 277th session (16-31 March 2000) of the Governing Body of the ILO.

5 The ILO observer will make a brief oral presentation to the Sub-Committee on the results of the meeting, focusing on those aspects relevant to the revision of the FAO/ILO/IMO Document for Guidance on the Training and Certification of Fishing Vessel Personnel.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

6 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the oral report of the ILO observer when it considers agenda item 7.
