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Terms of reference for the Sub-Committee

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

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| <i>Executive summary:</i> | This document provides the provisional terms of reference for the Sub-Committee drafted by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chairman |
| <i>Action to be taken:</i> | Paragraph 4 |
| <i>Related documents:</i> | STW 34/14, MSC 76/23 and MSC XXIV/19 |

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-sixth session (2 to 13 December 2002), instructed the Sub-Committees to review and update, as necessary, their own terms of reference and to prepare updated terms of reference for consideration by MSC 78 and MEPC 50.

2 The Sub-Committee at its thirty-fourth session (24 to 28 February 2003) instructed the Secretariat to draft provisional revised terms of reference, in consultation with the Chairman, for consideration at its next session and invited Member Governments to also submit comments and proposals to the next session. (STW 34/14, paragraphs 11.1 to 11.4).

3 As instructed, the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman has prepared draft provisional terms of reference. The existing terms of reference and the draft proposed revised terms of reference are given at annex 1 and annex 2 respectively.

Action requested by the Sub-Committee

4 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the information provided and take action as appropriate.

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ANNEX 1

EXISTING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STW SUB-COMMITTEE

(Extract from document MSC XXIV/19)

“The Sub-Committee shall from the stand point of safety of life and property and the protection of the environment:

- (a) lay down the basic principles to be observed in keeping a safe watch, including the minimum qualifications of the personnel involved;
- (b) study the problem of the formulation and mandatory application of minimum international standards of training and certification of mariners, in particular masters, deck officers, engineer officers and radio officers and prepare detailed proposals on this subject;
- (c) prepare the IMCO position on matters to be considered in the Joint IMCO/ILO Committee on Training or, as appropriate, in conjunction with other members of the United Nations family.

In carrying out the above-mentioned tasks the Sub-Committee should take account of the following points:

In relation to (a):

- (i) initial attention should be given to the basic principles to be observed in the keeping of a safe navigational watch. In that connexion consideration should be given to the question whether a document containing operational guidance for officers of the watch should be prepared;
- (ii) in this context the term “watch” is intended to include watch-keeping duties at sea and in port.

In relation to (b):

- (iii) initial attention should be directed to the training and qualifications of deck officers, account being taken of relevant information contained in the “Document for Guidance – 1970”, e.g. in Appendices A and B of the Document;
- (iv) the various types and levels of certificates should be kept to a minimum;
- (v) account should be taken of the provisions of existing ILO, ITU and other international instruments relating to the training, certification and qualifications of mariners;
- (vi) consideration should be given to the advantage of keeping mandatory requirements to a minimum dealing only with essential basic requirements in broad terms and supplementing them by detailed recommendations indicating training arrangements (courses, contents of syllabuses, etc.).”

ANNEX 2**PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STW SUB-COMMITTEE**

In accordance with resolution A.900(21), establishing the objectives of the Organization in the 2000s and in the view of the importance of the human element in the safer, secure and efficient operation and management of ships and the protection of the environment, the Sub-Committee under the overall direction of the Maritime Safety Committee and as necessary the Marine Environment Protection Committee will:

- .1 monitor the effective implementation of the STCW Convention, STCW Code and [the ISM Code];
- .2 keep under review the minimum international standards for training and certification of seafarers given in the STCW Convention and the STCW Code and other relevant international conventions taking into account technological, organizational and social developments;
- .3 promote the development of a safety and security culture, and environmental consciousness in all ship operations;
- .4 keep under review the principles to be observed in keeping a safe watch at all times;
- .5 keep under review the principles of safe manning of ships taking into account technological, organizational and social developments;
- .6 promote awareness of the lessons to be learnt from the analysis of accident and incident reports and information;
- .7 keep under review the IMO model course programme and to update and revise courses periodically, as appropriate, taking into account technological organizational and social developments and best industry practices to enhance safe working practice on board ships;
- .8 develop guidance and associated programmes on fatigue and human element related issues;
- .9 work in conjunction with other relevant UN bodies on international standards related to the training and certification of seafarers;
- .10 consider the revision/development of relevant guidelines relating to training of seafarers issues, such as maritime safety, security, and protection of the marine environment; and
- .11 act on any other relevant issues referred to it by the Maritime Safety Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee or other technical bodies of the Organization.