



SUB-COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING
36th session
Agenda item 14

STW 36/14
18 October 2004
Original: ENGLISH

WORK PROGRAMME AND AGENDA FOR STW 37

Terms of reference

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document outlines the decisions of MEPC 52 related to the terms of reference for the Sub-Committee
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related document:</i>	MEPC 52/26

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-second session (11 to 15 October 2004) noted that, as instructed, the Sub-Committee had prepared its draft terms of reference for consideration by the Committees.

2 MEPC 52 also noted that, at the Chairmen's Meeting it was agreed that the following points should be highlighted in the terms of reference of the sub-committees:

- .1 uniformity of format and generic work items should be introduced, possibly using as a basis the terms of reference of the DE Sub-Committee;
- .2 the mandate to the sub-committees should include explicit references to marine environment issues;
- .3 the terms of reference should be aligned to the Strategic Plan and Goals for the Organization once they are finalized; and
- .4 the responsibilities of each sub-committee should be clearly defined in the terms of reference to assist the Secretariat in ensuring that submissions relating to new work items are assigned to the appropriate sub-committee.

3 MEPC 52, noting that the draft terms of reference of the sub-committees was still to be updated, agreed to give further consideration of the matter at MEPC 53 after MSC 79.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

4 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the above information and decide as appropriate.