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Review of the STCW Code requirements regarding demonstration of competence

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on the instructions of the Committee to review the requirements regarding the demonstration of competence in STCW Code chapter VI.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related documents: MSC 78/24/6, MSC 78/26 and STCW.6/Circ.5

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-eighth session (12 to 21 May 2004), considered document MSC 78/24/6 (Norway) proposing to conduct a review of requirements regarding demonstration of competence in STCW Code chapter VI by way of receiving a refresher course ashore, with the aim of clearly specifying minimum requirements. The Committee, taking into account the comments made by the Russian Federation, as supported by other delegations, that the proposed refresher training ashore would be in conflict with the existing provisions of regulation I/11 of the STCW Convention and section A-I/11 of the STCW Code (which require refresher training and revalidation of competence only for holders of certificates for masters, officers and radio operators and specifically exclude from revalidation all the certificates issued under the STCW Code chapter VI requirements), decided that STW 36 should only consider the need for a review of the STCW chapter VI requirements and advise MSC 80 as appropriate (MSC 78/26, paragraph 24.57).

2 In this context, the Sub-Committee may wish to note that MSC 72 (17 to 26 May 2000) adopted amendments to part B of the STCW Code which included a new table B-I/11 providing table of differences between STCW 78 and STCW 95 certification requirements (STCW.6/Circ.5) and also the revalidation requirements for certificates.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

3 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the above information and to take action as appropriate.