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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW CONVENTION AND THE STCW CODE

Proposal for amendments to Chapters II and III of the STCW-Code

Submitted by the International Federation of Ship Masters' Associations (IFSMA)

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document intends to discuss the basic training of the Ship Security Officer (SSO) as set down in the ISPS Code
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 5
<i>Related document:</i>	MSC 81/25

1 With regard to the comprehensive review of the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers IFSMA believes that for the benefit of increased security on ships and in ports it would be preferable for all officers on board all ships to have the basic skills of security training.

2 IFSMA also believes that this can best be achieved by introducing the training set out in Part A of the ISPS Code into the STCW Code.

3 The reason for introducing this training into the STCW Code will be that all officers on board will at all times be trained in preventing security incidents and to spot situations leading up to such incidents at an early as possible time.

4 By introducing such training into the basic training of seafarers it will also be easier for the management of the ship during crew changes. The security issues will be better taken care of and the drills and exercises will be simpler to deal with and better carried out.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

5 The Sub-Committee is invited to take into account the above when discussing the comprehensive review of chapter II and chapter III of the STCW Code.