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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW CONVENTION AND THE STCW CODE

Outcome of MSC 81

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of MSC 81 with regard to the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related documents:</i>	MSC 81/25 and STW 37/18

1 The Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW), at its thirty-seventh session (23 to 27 January 2006), considered the need for a comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code and subsequently invited the Committee to add a new item to its work programme and agenda for STW 38 “**Comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code**” with a target completion date of 2008.

2 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (10 to 19 May 2006), endorsed the proposal of STW 37 and instructed the Sub-Committee to define, as a first step, the issues to be reviewed and to advise the Committee accordingly, before embarking on the actual work, for the Committee to endorse the scope of the review of the instruments, and the Sub-Committee to undertake, as a second step, the authorized review in a systematic and organized manner. MSC 81 also agreed that the proposed review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code should not, in any way, delay the work already on the Sub-Committee’s work programme.

3 MSC 81 also agreed that the following matters should also be considered under this agenda item:

- .1 ECDIS training and familiarization;
- .2 LNG training and competency standards; and
- .3 introduction of mandatory alcohol limits during watchkeeping and other shipboard duties.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

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