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Applicability of IMO Conventions to FPSOs and FSUs

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document, on the outcome of MSC 83, related to the applicability of IMO conventions to FPSOs and FSUs

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related documents: MSC 83/27/8 and MSC 83/28

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-third session (3 to 12 October 2007), considered the proposal by ITF (MSC 83/27/8) that, in light of the decision of MEPC 56 confirming that article 2 of the MARPOL Convention (definition of a ship) was applicable for the purposes of the MARPOL Convention, to floating production, storage and offloading facilities (FPSOs) and floating storage units (FSUs), the Committee should reconsider the decision of MSC 76 that it was not necessary to apply mandatory IMO instruments to address safety-related issues for FPSOs and FSUs, as the existing safety regime was adequate.

2 While there was wide support for developing adequate safety criteria for FPSOs and FSUs, it was recognized that these criteria should not prejudice the rights of the coastal State. Accordingly, the Committee agreed to forward document MSC 83/27/8 (ITF) to the Sub-Committee for consideration and advice to MSC 85 on the applicability of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code to FPSOs and FSUs.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

3 The Sub-Committee is invited to take the above information into account and decide as appropriate.