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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW CONVENTION AND STCW CODE

Review of chapter VIII of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code

Submitted by the International Shipping Federation (ISF)

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document comments on STW 39/7/9 submitted by Austria *et al* suggesting amendments to chapter VIII of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related documents: STW 38/17 and STW 39/7/9

Introduction

1 This document comments on STW 39/7/9 on the review of chapter VIII of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code submitted by Austria *et al* and is submitted in accordance with MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.1.

Background

2 The Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping, at its thirty-eighth session, decided to review regulation VIII/1 to provide for proper maintenance of records of hours of rest and to harmonize this regulation with the relevant provisions in the ILO Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (STW 38/17, annex 11, paragraph 36).

3 Provisions for hours of work and rest exist, not only in chapter VIII of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code, but also in Part II of ILO Convention 180, the latter provisions having been transplanted into the not yet in force Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (Standard A2.3).

Austria *et al*'s proposal

4 Austria *et al* have, in STW 39/7/9, provided draft amendments to the STCW Convention and Code, which contains sections of both ILO Convention 180 and the current chapter VIII of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code.

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5 ISF has concerns that the draft amendments contained in STW 39/7/9 have only taken some of the relevant provisions covering hours of work and rest from ILO Convention 180. The relevant section of ILO 180 (Part II) provides a unified approach to the subject of hours and work and rest and therefore needs to be maintained in its entirety. ISF therefore does not believe that the proposal put forward in STW 39/7/9 should be supported.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

6 The Sub-Committee is asked to note the information provided above and take action as appropriate.
