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THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the directives contained in resolution A.500(XII) concerning coordination of the work of the committees by the Council, taking into account the views of the committees on priorities and their responsibilities for substantive technical and legal matters,

RECALLING ALSO the directives contained in resolutions:

- A.777(18) on *Work methods and organization of work in Committees and their subsidiary bodies*;
- A.900(21) on *Objectives of the Organization in the 2000s*;
- A.901(21) on *IMO and technical co-operation in the 2000s*; and
- A.909(22) on *Policy making in IMO – setting the Organization's policies and objectives*,

and the guidelines of the Council and the committees on the organization and method of their work (Circular Letter No.3292, MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.4/Rev.2, LEG.1/Circ.7, TC.1/Circ.66 and FAL.3/Circ.209),

RECALLING FURTHER resolutions A.1037(27) and A.1038(27), by which it approved, respectively, the *Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2012 to 2017* and the *High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2012-2013 biennium*, as well as resolution A.1062(28) on *Guidelines on the application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization*,

HAVING ADOPTED resolution A.1060(28) providing the updated Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2014 to 2019,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the Council, at its twenty-seventh extraordinary session, for the adoption of an updated High-level Action Plan and related priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium, together with an associated results-based budget including the Secretariat's Business Plan, both of which have been prepared on the basis of the Strategic Plan and inputs from the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, the Technical Cooperation Committee, the Facilitation Committee and the Secretariat,

1 APPROVES the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 REQUESTS the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, the Technical Cooperation Committee and the Facilitation Committee, when reporting on their work to the Assembly at its twenty-ninth regular session and to the Council at its sessions during the 2014-2015 biennium, to ensure that they report progress towards fulfilling the Organization's aims and objectives using the framework of the strategic directions, high-level actions and planned biennial outputs;

3 DIRECTS the Council, the committees and the Secretariat, when considering proposals for unplanned outputs, to ensure, in accordance with resolution A.1062(28) and the guidelines on the organization and method of their work, as appropriate, that the issues to be addressed are those which fall within the scope of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan;

4 ALSO REQUESTS the committees and the Secretariat, as appropriate and in accordance with resolution A.1062(28), to submit to the Council for endorsement any unplanned outputs that they may approve during the 2014-2015 biennium for inclusion in the High-level Action Plan for that biennium;

5 AUTHORIZES the Council to endorse such unplanned outputs and to incorporate them into the High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

6 REQUESTS all IMO organs to ensure full observance of the guidelines contained in resolution A.1062(28), which provide a uniform basis for the application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan throughout the Organization, and for the strengthening of existing working practices through the provision of enhanced planning and management procedures that are flexible, manageable, proportional, transparent and balanced;

7 UNDERLINES the specific responsibilities of the chairmen, vice-chairmen and secretaries of the Council, committees and sub-committees to ensure a consistent and rigorous application of resolution A.1062(28) and the *Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the respective committees and their subsidiary bodies*;

8 EMPHASIZES that the high-level actions and related outputs, especially those involving amendments to existing conventions (particularly those which have been in force for a short period), should take fully into account the directives in resolution A.500(XII), and that due attention should be given to the requirement that a well-documented compelling need must be demonstrated for the development and adoption of new or revised standards;

9 REVOKES resolution A.1038(27).

Annex

**HIGH-LEVEL ACTION PLAN OF THE ORGANIZATION AND PRIORITIES
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1 The Organization's Strategic Plan for the period 2014 to 2019 (resolution A.1060(28)) includes 13 key strategic directions to enable IMO to achieve its mission objectives. In order for the Organization to effectively address those strategic objectives, a High-level Action Plan has been developed which identifies the actions required and provides the linkage between the Organization's strategy and the work of the various IMO organs.

2 The High-level Action Plan thus identifies the high-level actions necessary to achieve the strategic objectives in the Strategic Plan, as well as the priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium in response to those identified actions.

3 The progress of the Organization towards fulfilling its aims and objectives will be monitored through the series of performance indicators in the Strategic Plan and also by monitoring progress against the planned outputs for the biennium.

TABLE 1 – STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND CORRESPONDING HIGH-LEVEL ACTIONS (HLAs)

No.	Strategic Direction	No.	High-level Action
1	IMO is the primary international forum for technical matters of all kinds affecting international shipping and legal matters related thereto. An inclusive and comprehensive approach to such matters will be a hallmark of IMO. IMO will actively promote its role as the primary international forum on matters within its competence and ensure and strengthen the linkage between a safe, secure, efficient and environmentally friendly maritime transportation, the development of global trade and the world economy and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In order to maintain that primacy, it will:		
1.1	Further develop its role in maritime affairs vis-à-vis other intergovernmental and international organizations, so as to be able to deal effectively and comprehensively with complex cross-agency issues	1.1.1	Cooperate with the United Nations on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance
		1.1.2	Cooperate with other international bodies on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance
1.2	Actively engage the various stakeholders – new and existing – to ensure a more inclusive approach to decision-making	1.2.1	Further encourage the active participation of all stakeholders to achieve the Organization's mission objectives through consultation and liaison
1.3	Actively seek to reap synergies and avoid duplicating efforts made by other United Nations agencies in shipping matters	1.3.1	Consider issues under the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention relevant to the role of the Organization
		1.3.2	Monitor developments within GESAMP and make full use of the knowledge available and gained
		1.3.3	Promote facilitation measures
		1.3.4	Harmonize IMO instruments with other relevant international instruments, as necessary
2	IMO will foster global compliance with its instruments governing international shipping and will promote their uniform implementation by Member States.		
2.0		2.0.1	Monitor and improve conventions, etc., and provide interpretation thereof if requested by Member States

No.	Strategic Direction	No.	High-level Action
		2.0.2	Encourage and support implementation of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme
		2.0.3	Encourage worldwide provision of maritime search and rescue services
3	With a view to enhancing its contribution to sustainable development, IMO will strengthen its maritime capacity-building programmes and will focus on:		
3.1	Developing capacity-building partnerships with governments, organizations and industry	3.1.1	Participate in environmental programmes with UNDP, UNEP, World Bank, etc.
		3.1.2	Establish partnerships with governments, organizations and industry to enhance the delivery of IMO's capacity-building programmes
		3.1.3	Promote and strengthen partnerships with global maritime training institutions and training programmes
3.2	Ensuring the long-term sustainability of the ITCP	3.2.1	Mobilize and allocate financial or in-kind resources including the promotion of technical and economic cooperation among developing countries (TCDC and ECDC)
		3.2.2	Implement the approved mechanism to ensure the sustainable financing of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP)
3.3	Contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and relevant outcomes of UNCSD 2012, such as the future Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including through the development of major projects targeting emerging issues	3.3.1	Maintain, promote and demonstrate the linkage between the ITCP and the MDGs
3.4	Meeting the needs of its developing Member States	3.4.1	Identify the emerging needs of developing States in general and the developmental needs of small island developing States (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs) in particular
3.5	Further improving the delivery, utilization, efficiency and effectiveness of its technical assistance and cooperation programmes	3.5.1	Consider, prioritize and implement technical cooperation programmes
		3.5.2	Strengthen the role of women in the maritime sector
		3.5.3	Develop new measures to improve the delivery of technical assistance
		3.5.4	Undertake regular technical cooperation (TC) impact assessments

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4	Internally, IMO should be able to respond effectively and efficiently to emerging trends, developments and challenges. It will strive for excellence in governance and management. Besides the Strategic Plan, it will maintain a risk management framework. The Council will provide visionary leadership, committees will be optimally structured and will be supported by an effective and efficient Secretariat. Within approved biennial appropriations and in accordance with a detailed Business Plan, the Secretariat will be endowed with sufficient resources and expertise to realize the Organization's work plans, and the Organization will make effective use of information and communication technology in management and administration.		
4.0		4.0.1	Adopt, implement and enhance measures for the effective, efficient and transparent management of the Organization's resources
		4.0.2	Develop, implement, enhance, support and manage information systems in support of a knowledge and information-based Organization
		4.0.3	Identify opportunities to strengthen management culture, reduce risk and introduce best practice through planning, developing and implementing Organizational reforms
		4.0.4	Maintain a risk management framework
		4.0.5	Implement and keep under review working methods and processes
5	IMO's highest priority will be the safety of human life at sea. In particular, greater emphasis will be accorded to:		
5.1	Ensuring that all systems related to enhancing the safety of human life at sea are adequate, including those concerned with large concentrations of people	5.1.1	Review the adequacy of passenger ship safety provisions
		5.1.2	Development and review of safe evacuation, survival, recovery and treatment of people following maritime casualties or in case of distress
		5.1.3	Enhance the safety of navigation in vital shipping lanes
5.2	Enhancing technical, operational and safety management standards	5.2.1	Keep under review the technical and operational safety aspects of all types of ships, including fishing vessels

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		5.2.2	Development and review of training and watchkeeping standards and operational procedures for maritime personnel
		5.2.3	Keep under review standards for safe handling and carriage by sea of solid and liquid cargoes carried in bulk and packaged form
		5.2.4	Keep under review measures to improve navigational safety, including ships' routing, ship reporting and monitoring systems, vessel traffic services, requirements and standards for shipborne navigational aids and systems and long-range identification and tracking (LRIT)
		5.2.5	Monitor and evaluate the operation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
		5.2.6	Development and implementation of the e-navigation strategy
5.3	Eliminating shipping that fails to meet and maintain these standards on a continuous basis	5.3.1	Keep under review and support flag, port and coastal State implementation for enhancing and monitoring compliance
5.4	Increasing the emphasis on the role of the human element in safe shipping	5.4.1	Develop a strategy for the work related to the role of the human element including the chain of responsibility in maritime safety
6	IMO will seek to enhance the security of the maritime transport network, including vital shipping lanes, and to reduce piracy and armed robbery against ships, as well as the frequency of stowaway incidents, by:		
6.1	Promoting a comprehensive and cooperative approach, both among Member States within the Organization and between IMO and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations	6.1.1	Keep under review measures (e.g. ISPS Code) to enhance security for ship and port facilities including the ship/port interface and shipping lanes of strategic importance
		6.1.2	Keep under review the adequacy of the legal framework to suppress unlawful acts against ships and fixed platforms through the SUA Convention and its Protocol
6.2	Raising awareness of IMO security measures and promoting their effective implementation	6.2.1	Assist developing countries in their introduction and implementation of effective security measures
		6.2.2	Promulgate information on prevention and suppression of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships

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		6.2.3	Assist developing countries in their introduction and implementation of effective measures against piracy and armed robbery against ships
		6.2.4	Assist developing regions in their introduction and implementation of effective security measures and measures against piracy and armed robbery against ships
6.3	Raising awareness of IMO measures against piracy and armed robbery against ships and promoting their effective implementation	6.3.1	Actively participate in work of the Joint IMO/ILO Ad Hoc expert working groups on issues related to safeguarding the human rights of seafarers
		6.3.2	Maintain and implement the strategy for the work related to the role of the human element including the chain of responsibility in maritime security
7	IMO will focus on reducing and eliminating adverse impacts from shipping on the environment by:		
7.1	Identifying and addressing possible adverse impacts	7.1.1	Monitor pollution and adverse impact on the marine environment caused by ships and their cargoes
		7.1.2	Keep under review measures to reduce adverse impact on the marine environment caused by ships
		7.1.3	Monitor and keep under review the provision of reception facilities in ports and their adequacy
		7.1.4	Consider the need for the development of measures to prevent and control marine pollution from small craft
7.2	Developing and facilitating the implementation of effective measures for mitigating and responding to the impact on the environment caused by shipping incidents and operational pollution from ships	7.2.1	Keep under review the Guidelines on the identification of places of refuge
		7.2.2	Keep under review the adequacy of the legal framework
		7.2.3	Foster cooperation and mutual assistance between Member States under the provisions of the OPRC Convention and OPRC-HNS Protocol
7.3	Contributing to international efforts to reduce atmospheric pollution and address climate change	7.3.1	Keep under review IMO measures to reduce atmospheric pollution
		7.3.2	Continue to develop appropriate measures to address climate change
7.4	Increasing the emphasis on the role of the human element in environmentally sound shipping	7.4.1	Develop a strategy for the work related to the role of the human element including the chain of responsibility in marine environment protection

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8	IMO will seek to ensure that measures to promote safe, secure and environmentally sound shipping do not unduly affect the efficiency of shipping. It will also constantly review such measures to ensure their adequacy, effectiveness and relevance, using the best available tools, thereby securing better regulation without unnecessary or disproportionate administrative requirements. The Organization will periodically review administrative provisions of existing conventions and mandatory instruments with the aim of finding improved, more efficient solutions for those administrative requirements that are necessary. Those provisions of existing conventions and mandatory instruments that have become unnecessary and/or burdensome will also be reformed and/or eliminated without compromising safety, security and the protection of the environment.		
8.0		8.0.1	Promote wider acceptance of the FAL Convention and adoption of measures contained therein, to assist the FAL Committee's effort and work towards the universal implementation of measures to facilitate international maritime traffic
		8.0.2	Ensure that an appropriate balance is maintained between measures to enhance maritime security and measures to facilitate maritime international traffic
		8.0.3	Encourage the use of information and communication technology to drive continuous improvement and innovation in the facilitation of maritime traffic
		8.0.4	Implement resolution A.1043(27) on the Periodic Review of Administrative Requirements in Mandatory IMO Instruments
9	IMO will pay special attention to the shipping needs of small island developing States (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs).		
9.0		9.0.1	Identify and address the special shipping needs of SIDS and LDCs
10	IMO will apply goal-based standards for maritime safety and environmental protection.		

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10.0		10.0.1	Further develop measures to apply goal-based standards for maritime safety and environmental protection
11	IMO, in partnership with other stakeholders, will seek to raise the profile of the safety, security and environmental records of shipping in the eyes of civil society by:		
11.1	Actively publicizing the vital importance of shipping as a safe, secure and environmentally sound mode of transport for goods and people, and underlining the role of the Organization in that regard	11.1.1	Raise awareness of the role of international shipping in world trade and the global economy and the importance of the Organization's role
		11.1.2	Enhance the image of the role of the human element in the context of the shipping industry
11.2	Consequently further enhancing its public outreach programmes	11.2.1	Actively promote and encourage the development of community relations programmes
12	IMO will take the lead in enhancing the quality of shipping by:		
12.1	Encouraging the utilization of the best available techniques not entailing excessive costs, in all aspects of shipping	12.1.1	Use formal safety assessment techniques in the development of technical standards
		12.1.2	Use risk-based tools that take account of costs and the human element in the development of operational standards
12.2	Encouraging proper management of ships	12.2.1	Keep under review the effectiveness of the ISM Code with regard to safety and protection of the marine environment
12.3	Promoting and enhancing the availability of, and access to, information – including casualty information – relating to ship safety, security and the environment (i.e. transparency)	12.3.1	Promote and undertake collection and dissemination of high quality, relevant and timely information to support analyses and decisions, taking into account related issues of finance and governance
12.4	Ensuring that all stakeholders understand and accept their responsibilities regarding safe, secure and environmentally sound shipping by developing a "chain of responsibility" concept among them	12.4.1	Raise awareness of the "chain of responsibility" concept among all stakeholders through organizations that have consultative status
12.5	Identifying, correlating and evaluating the factors, including human interaction on board ships, that influence safety, security and environmental culture, and developing practical and effective mechanisms to address them		No HLA
13	IMO will seek to enhance environmental conscience within the shipping community.		

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		13.0.1	Strengthen awareness of the need for a continuous reduction of the adverse impact of shipping on the environment
		13.0.2	Promote and enhance the availability of, and access to, information relating to environmental protection (i.e. transparency) and, in particular, consider the wider dissemination of information, analyses and decisions, taking account of the financial implications
		13.0.3	Encourage the use in shipping of the best available environmental technology not entailing excessive costs, in line with the goal of sustainable development

TABLE 2 – HIGH-LEVEL ACTIONS (HLAs) AND RELATED PLANNED OUTPUTS

No.	High-level Action	Planned Outputs (POs) for 2014-2015					
		No.	Description	Parent organ(s)	Coordinating organ(s)	Associated organ(s)	Target completion year
1.1.1	Cooperate with the United Nations on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance	1.1.1.1	Cooperate with the United Nations on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance	Assembly	Council	MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG / TCC	Annual
		1.1.1.2	Consideration of reports on the application of the joint IMO/ILO Guidelines on the fair treatment of seafarers and consequential further actions as necessary	LEG			Annual
1.1.2	Cooperate with other international bodies on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance	1.1.2.1	Cooperate with other international bodies on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance	Assembly	Council	MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG / TCC	Annual
		1.1.2.2	Response to matters related to the Radiocommunication ITU R Study Group and ITU World Radiocommunication Conference	MSC		NCSR	Annual
		1.1.2.3	Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, and environment related Conventions	MSC / MEPC		III / PPR / CCC / SDC / SSE / NCSR	Continuous
1.2.1	Further encourage the active participation of all stakeholders to achieve the Organization's mission objectives through consultation and liaison	1.2.1.1	Agreements of cooperation with IGOs and approved consultative status for NGOs	Assembly		Council	2015

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1.3.1	Consider issues under the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention (UNCLOS) relevant to the role of the Organization	1.3.1.1	Advice and guidance on issues under the UNCLOS Convention relevant to the role of the Organization	LEG			Annual
1.3.2	Monitor developments within GESAMP and make full use of the knowledge available and gained		No outputs against this HLA				
1.3.3	Promote facilitation measures		No outputs against this HLA				
1.3.4	Harmonize IMO instruments with other relevant international instruments, as necessary	1.3.4.1	Amendments to the IAMSAR Manual	MSC		NCSR	Continuous
2.0.1	Monitor and improve conventions, etc. and provide interpretation thereof if requested by Member States	2.0.1.1	Provisions to ensure the integrity and uniform implementation of the 1969 TM Convention	MSC	SDC	HTW	2014
		2.0.1.2	Guidelines for port State control under the 2004 BWM Convention, including guidance on ballast water sampling and analysis	MEPC	PPR	III	2015
		2.0.1.3	Revised specification for shipboard incinerators (resolution MEPC.76(40))	MEPC			2014
		2.0.1.4	Strategies developed to facilitate entry into force of the HNS Protocol and harmonized interpretation	LEG			Annual
		2.0.1.5	Provide advice and guidance on issues brought to the Committee in connection with implementation of IMO instruments	LEG			Annual
		2.0.1.6	Amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/40.2 concerning general requirements on electrical installations	MSC		SSE	2014
		2.0.1.7	Amendments to the ESP Code	MSC		SDC	Continuous

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2.0.2	Encourage and support implementation of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme	2.0.2.1	Analysis of consolidated audit summary reports	Assembly	Council	MSC / MEPC / LEG / III	2015
		2.0.2.2	Capacity-building aspects of the Scheme reflected in and implemented through the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP)	TCC			Continuous
		2.0.2.3	Amendments making the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code) and auditing mandatory	MSC / MEPC			2015
2.0.3	Encourage the worldwide provision of maritime search and rescue services	2.0.3.1	Further development of the Global SAR Plan for the provision of maritime SAR services	MSC		NCSR	2015
		2.0.3.2	Annual list of IMO documents and publications to be held by MRCCs	MSC		NCSR	Annual
		2.0.3.3	Guidelines on harmonized aeronautical and maritime search and rescue procedures, including SAR training matters	MSC		NCSR	2014
		2.0.3.4	Procedures for routing distress information in the GMDSS	MSC		NCSR	2015
3.1.1	Participate in environmental programmes with UNDP, UNEP, World Bank, etc.	3.1.1.1	Analysis and consideration of reports on partnership arrangements for, and implementation of, environmental programmes	TCC			Annual
3.1.2	Establish partnerships with governments, organizations and industry to enhance the delivery of IMO's capacity-building programmes	3.1.2.1	Analysis and consideration of reports on implementation of resolution A.965(23) on Development and improvement of partnership arrangements for technical cooperation	TCC			Annual

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3.1.3	Promote and strengthen partnerships with global maritime training institutions and training programmes	3.1.3.1	Monitoring of ITCP programme implemented on the enhancement of maritime training capacities, including middle and senior management levels	TCC			Annual
3.2.1	Mobilize and allocate financial or in-kind resources including the promotion of technical and economic cooperation among developing countries (TCDC and ECDC)	3.2.1.1	Monitoring of TCDC reflected in the ITCP and partnerships	TCC			Continuous
		3.2.1.2	Analysis and consideration of reports on the TC Fund, voluntary trust funds, multi-bilateral funds, cash contributions and in-kind support under the ITCP	TCC			Annual
3.2.2	Implement the approved mechanism to ensure the sustainable financing of the ITCP	3.2.2.1	Analysis and consideration of reports on the implementation of the approved mechanism for sustainable financing of the ITCP	TCC			Annual
3.3.1	Maintain, promote and demonstrate the linkage between the ITCP and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)	3.3.1.1	Analysis and consideration of reports on the promotion and implementation of resolution A.1006(25) on The linkage between the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme and the Millennium Development Goals	TCC			Annual
3.4.1	Identify the emerging needs of developing States in general and the developmental needs of small island developing states (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs) in particular	3.4.1.1	Input on identifying emerging needs of developing countries, in particular SIDS and LDCs to be included in the ITCP	TCC		MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG	Continuous
		3.4.1.2	Approved ITCP for 2016-2017	TCC			2015
3.5.1	Consider, prioritize and implement technical cooperation programmes	3.5.1.1	Identify thematic priorities within the area of maritime safety and security, marine environmental protection, facilitation of maritime traffic and maritime legislation	TCC		MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG	Annual

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		3.5.1.2	Input to the ITCP on emerging issues relating to sustainable development and achievement of the MDGs	TCC		MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG	2015
3.5.2	Strengthen the role of women in the maritime sector	3.5.2.1	Analysis and consideration of reports on strengthened regional associations for women managers in the maritime sector	TCC			Annual
3.5.3	Develop new measures to improve the delivery of technical assistance	3.5.3.1	Monitoring measures on new and cost-effective measures to deliver technical assistance	TCC			Annual
3.5.4	Undertake regular technical cooperation (TC) impact assessments		No outputs against this HLA				
4.0.1	Adopt, implement and enhance measures for the effective, efficient and transparent management of the Organization's resources	4.0.1.1	Approved accounts and audited financial reports	Assembly		Council	Annual
		4.0.1.2	Approved report on ITCP implementation during 2012-2013	TCC			2014
		4.0.1.3	Endorsed proposals for unplanned outputs for the 2014-2015 biennium as accepted by the Committees	Council		MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG / TCC	Annual
4.0.2	Develop, implement, enhance, support and manage information systems in support of a knowledge and information-based Organization	4.0.2.1	Endorsed proposals for the development, maintenance and enhancement of information systems and related guidance (GISIS, websites, etc.)	Council		MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG / TCC / TCC	Continuous
4.0.3	Identify opportunities to strengthen management culture, reduce risk and introduce best practice through planning, developing and implementing organizational reforms	4.0.3.1	Comprehensive, transparent, deliverable and approved Strategic Plan, High-level Action Plan and results-based budget for 2016-2017	Assembly		Council	2015

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4.0.4	Maintain a risk management framework	4.0.4.1	Development of methodology to apply the Risk Management Framework to all elements of the Strategic and High-level Action Plans	Council			2015
4.0.5	Implement and keep under review working methods and processes	4.0.5.1	Revised Guidelines on the Application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization ("GAP") and guidelines on the organization and method of work of the committees, as appropriate	Assembly	Council	MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG / TCC	2015
5.1.1	Review the adequacy of passenger ship safety provisions	5.1.1.1	Guidelines on safe return to port for passenger ships	MSC		SDC	2014
		5.1.1.2	A review of damage stability regulations for ro-ro passenger ships	MSC		SDC	2014
		5.1.1.3	A review of the recommendations on evacuation analysis for new and existing passenger ships	MSC		SDC	2015
		5.1.1.4	Development of fire safety performance criteria for alternative design and arrangements for fire safety (MSC/Circ.1002)	MSC		SSE	2014
		5.1.1.5	Review of conditions under which passenger ship watertight doors may be opened during navigation and prepare amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/22 and MSC.1/Circ.1380	MSC		SDC	2015
5.1.2	Development and review of safe evacuation, survival, recovery and treatment of people following maritime casualties or in case of distress	5.1.2.1	New framework of requirements for life-saving appliances	MSC		SSE	2015
		5.1.2.2	Measures to protect the safety of persons rescued at sea	MSC / FAL	NCSR	III	2014
5.1.3	Enhance the safety of navigation in vital shipping lanes		No outputs against this HLA				

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5.2.1	Keep under review the technical and operational safety aspects of all types of ships, including fishing vessels	5.2.1.1	Amendments to the criterion for maximum angle of heel in turns of the 2008 IS Code	MSC		SDC	2014
		5.2.1.2	Development of international code of safety for ships using gases or other low flashpoint fuels (IGF Code)	MSC	CCC	HTW	2014
		5.2.1.3	Review of general cargo ship safety	MSC		III / HTW SDC / NCSR	2014
		5.2.1.4	Guidelines addressing the carriage of more than 12 industrial personnel on board vessels engaged on international voyages	MSC		SDC	2015
		5.2.1.5	Amendments to the provisions of SOLAS chapter II-2 relating to secondary means of venting cargo tanks	MSC	SSE	CCC	2015
		5.2.1.6	Amendments to the 2009 MODU Code concerning lifeboat drills	MSC		SSE	2015
		5.2.1.7	Considerations related to the double sheathed low-pressure fuel pipes for fuel injection systems in engines on crude oil tankers	MSC		SSE	2015
		5.2.1.8	Smoke control and ventilation	MSC		SSE	2015
		5.2.1.9	Requirements for ships carrying hydrogen and compressed natural gas vehicles	MSC		SSE	2014
		5.2.1.10	Safety objectives and functional requirements of the Guidelines on alternative design and arrangements for SOLAS chapters II-1 and III	MSC			2015
		5.2.1.11	Amendments to the LSA Code for thermal performance of immersion suits	MSC		SSE	2014

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		5.2.1.12	Second generation intact stability criteria	MSC		SDC	2015
		5.2.1.13	Amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1 subdivision and damage stability regulations	MSC		SDC	2014
		5.2.1.14	Amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/20 and associated guidance on air quality management for ventilation of closed vehicle spaces, closed ro-ro and special category spaces	MSC		SSE	2014
		5.2.1.15	Mandatory Code for ships operating in polar waters	MSC / MEPC	SDC	HTW / PPR / SDC / SSE / NCSR	2015
		5.2.1.16	Non-mandatory instrument on regulations for non-convention ships	MSC	III	HTW / PPR / SDC / SSE / NCSR	2015
		5.2.1.17	Updated Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)	MSC / MEPC		III	Annual
		5.2.1.18	Interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-1/13.6 on means of escape from ro-ro cargo spaces	MSC		SDC	2014
		5.2.1.19	Classification of offshore industry vessels and a review of the need for a non-mandatory code for offshore construction support vessels	MSC		SDC	2015
		5.2.1.20	Follow-up action to the STCW-F Conference resolutions 6 and 7	MSC		HTW	2015
		5.2.1.21	Guidelines for use of Fibre Reinforced Plastics (FRP) within ship structures	MSC		SDC	2014

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		5.2.1.22	Requirements for onboard lifting appliances and winches	MSC		SSE	2015
		5.2.1.23	Guidelines for wing-in-ground craft	MSC	SDC	HTW / SSE / NCSR	2015
		5.2.1.24	Amendments to part B of the 2008 IS Code on towing, lifting and anchor handling operations	MSC		SDC	2014
		5.2.1.25	Revised recommendation on conditions for the approval of servicing stations for inflatable liferafts (resolution A.761(18))	MSC		SSE	2014
		5.2.1.26	Amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/11 and development of associated Guidelines to ensure the adequacy of testing arrangements for watertight compartments	MSC		SDC	2015
		5.2.1.27	Amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2, the FTP Code and MSC/Circ.1120 to clarify the requirements for plastic pipes on ships	MSC		SDC	2014
		5.2.1.28	Amendments to the requirements for foam-type fire extinguishers in SOLAS regulation II-2/10.5	MSC		SSE	2014
		5.2.1.29	Non-exhaustive list of obligations under instruments relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)	MSC		III	Annual
		5.2.1.30	Adoption of the revised IGC Code	MSC			2014
		5.2.1.31 ¹	Guidelines on minimum training and education for mooring personnel	FAL			2015

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5.2.2	Development and review of training and watchkeeping standards and operational procedures for maritime personnel	5.2.2.1	Guidance for the implementation of the 2010 Manila Amendments	MSC		HTW	2014
		5.2.2.2	Review of STCW passenger ship-specific safety training	MSC		HTW	2015
		5.2.2.3	Validated model training courses	MSC		HTW	Continuous
		5.2.2.4	Reports on unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency	MSC		HTW	Annual
		5.2.2.5	Reports to the MSC on information communicated by STCW Parties	MSC			Annual
		5.2.2.6	Revised guidelines for model course development, updating and validation processes	MSC		HTW	2015
		5.2.2.7	Training in hot-work procedures on crude oil tankers	MSC	HTW	SSE	2015
		5.2.2.8	Guidance for personnel involved with tug-barge operations	MSC	HTW	SDC	2014
		5.2.2.9	Guidelines for shipowners and seafarers for implementation of relevant IMO instruments in relation to the carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form by sea	MSC		HTW	2015
		5.2.2.10	A globally consistent format for the certificate of training and education issued under the STCW Convention	MSC		HTW	2015
5.2.3	Keep under review standards for safe handling and carriage by sea of solid and liquid cargoes carried in bulk and packaged form	5.2.3.1	Amendments to CSC 1972 and associated circulars	MSC			2014
		5.2.3.2	Measures to prevent loss of containers	MSC	CCC	HTW / SDC	2014
		5.2.3.3	Amendments to the IMSBC Code and supplements	MSC / MEPC		CCC	Continuous

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		5.2.3.4	Amendments to the IMDG Code and supplements, including harmonization of the IMDG Code with the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	MSC		CCC	Continuous
		5.2.3.5	Revised Guidelines for packing of cargo transport units	MSC		CCC	2015
		5.2.3.6	Amendments to MARPOL Annex I and associated circulars	MEPC			Continuous
		5.2.3.7	Adoption of amendments to SOLAS and the relevant codes concerning mandatory carriage of appropriate atmosphere testing instruments on board ships	MSC			2014
5.2.4	Keep under review measures to improve navigational safety, including ships' routeing, ship reporting and monitoring systems, vessel traffic services, requirements and standards for shipborne navigational aids and systems and long-range identification and tracking (LRIT)	5.2.4.1	Routeing measures and mandatory ship reporting systems	MSC		NCSR	Continuous
		5.2.4.2	Updates to the LRIT system	MSC		NCSR	Continuous
		5.2.4.3	New symbols for AIS aids to navigation	MSC		NCSR	2014
		5.2.4.4	Revised guidelines for the on board operational use of shipborne automatic identification systems (AIS)	MSC		NCSR	2014
		5.2.4.5	Consolidation of ECDIS-related IMO circulars	MSC		NCSR	2014
		5.2.4.6	Explanatory footnotes to SOLAS regulations V/15, V/18, V/19 and V/27	MSC		NCSR	2014
		5.2.4.7	Approved satellite navigation system "BeiDou" in the maritime field	MSC		NCSR	2014
		5.2.4.8	Guidelines on the carriage of ECDIS	MSC		NCSR	2014

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		5.2.4.9	Performance standards for multi-system shipborne navigation systems	MSC		NCSR	2015
5.2.5	Monitor and evaluate the operation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)	5.2.5.1	Guidelines on MSI (maritime safety information) provisions	MSC		NCSR	Continuous
		5.2.5.2	First outline of the detailed review of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)	MSC	NCSR	HTW	2015
		5.2.5.3	Analysis of developments in maritime radiocommunication systems and technology	MSC		NCSR	2014
		5.2.5.4	Analysis of information on developments in Inmarsat and Cospas-Sarsat	MSC		NCSR	Continuous
5.2.6	Development and implementation of the e-navigation strategy	5.2.6.1	E-navigation strategy implementation plan	MSC	NCSR	HTW	2015
5.3.1	Keep under review and support flag, port and coastal State implementation for enhancing and monitoring compliance	5.3.1.1	Harmonization of port State control (PSC) activities	MSC / MEPC		III	Continuous
5.4.1	Develop a strategy for the work related to the role of the human element including the chain of responsibility in maritime safety		No outputs against this HLA				
6.1.1	Keep under review measures (e.g. ISPS Code) to enhance security for ship and port facilities including the ship/port interface and for shipping lanes of strategic importance	6.1.1.1	Guidelines and guidance on the implementation and interpretation of SOLAS chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code	MSC			Annual

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6.1.2	Keep under review the adequacy of the legal framework to suppress unlawful acts against ships and fixed platforms through the SUA Convention and its Protocol	6.1.2.1	Provide advice and guidance in connection with implementation of SUA 1988/2005	LEG			Annual
6.2.1	Assist developing countries in their introduction and implementation of effective security measures	6.2.1.1	Consideration and analysis of monthly and annual reports on piracy	MSC			Annual
		6.2.1.2	Revised guidance relating to the prevention of piracy and armed robbery to reflect emerging trends and behaviour patterns	MSC		LEG	Annual
6.2.2	Promulgate information on prevention and suppression of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships	6.2.2.1	Provide advice and guidance to support international efforts to ensure effective prosecution of perpetrators (piracy); and to support availability of information on comprehensive national legislation and judicial capacity building	LEG			Annual
6.2.3	Assist developing countries in their introduction and implementation of effective measures against piracy and armed robbery against ships		No outputs against this HLA				
			No outputs against this HLA				
6.2.4	Assist developing regions in their introduction and implementation of effective security measures and measures against piracy and armed robbery against ships		No outputs against this HLA				

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6.3.1	Actively participate in work of the Joint IMO/ILO Ad Hoc expert working groups on issues related to safeguarding the human rights of seafarers		No outputs against this HLA				
6.3.2	Maintain and implement the strategy for the work related to the role of the human element including the chain of responsibility in maritime security		No outputs against this HLA				
7.1.1	Monitor pollution and adverse impact on the marine environment caused by ships and their cargoes		No outputs against this HLA				
7.1.2	Keep under review measures to reduce adverse impact on the marine environment by ships	7.1.2.1	Revised Guidelines for the Inventory of Hazardous Materials	MEPC			2014
		7.1.2.2	Designated Special Areas and PSSAs and their associated protective measures	MEPC		NCSR	Continuous
		7.1.2.3	Guidance for the reduction of noise from commercial shipping and its adverse impacts on marine life	MEPC			2014
		7.1.2.4	Approved ballast water management systems which make use of Active Substances, taking into account recommendations of the GESAMP-BWWG	MEPC			Annual
		7.1.2.5	Production of a manual entitled "Ballast Water Management – how to do it"	MEPC		PPR	2015
		7.1.2.6	Guidance for international offers of assistance in response to a marine oil pollution incident	MEPC		PPR	2014

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		7.1.2.7	Manual on chemical pollution to address legal and administrative aspects of HNS incidents	MEPC			2015
		7.1.2.8	Guidance on the safe operation and performance standards of oil pollution combating equipment	MEPC		SDC	2014
		7.1.2.9	Revised section II of the Manual on Oil Pollution-Contingency planning	MEPC		PPR	2015
		7.1.2.10	Guide on Oil Spill Response in Ice and Snow Conditions	MEPC		PPR	2014
		7.1.2.11	Updated IMO Dispersant Guidelines	MEPC		PPR	2014
		7.1.2.12	Review of nitrogen and phosphorous removal standards in the 2012 Guidelines on the implementation of effluent standards and performance tests for sewage treatment plants	MEPC			2014
		7.1.2.13	Code for the transport and handling of limited amounts of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk on offshore support vessels	MSC / MEPC	PPR	SDC	2015
7.1.3	Monitor and keep under review the provision of reception facilities in ports and their adequacy	7.1.3.1	Consideration and analysis of reports on alleged inadequacy of port reception facilities	MEPC		III	Annual
7.1.4	Consider the need for the development of measures to prevent and control marine pollution from small craft		No outputs against this HLA				
7.2.1	Keep under review the Guidelines on the identification of places of refuge		No outputs against this HLA				

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7.2.2	Keep under review the adequacy of the legal framework	7.2.2.1	Safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential amendments to MARPOL Annex II and the IBC Code, taking into account recommendations of GESAMP-EHS	MEPC		PPR	Continuous
7.2.3	Foster cooperation and mutual assistance between Member States under the provisions of the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol	7.2.3.1	Increased activities within the ITCP regarding the OPRC Convention and the OPRC HNS Protocol	TCC		MEPC	Annual
		7.2.3.2	Updated OPRC Model training courses	MEPC		PPR	2015
7.3.2	Continue to develop appropriate measures to address climate change	7.3.2.1	Further development of mechanisms needed to achieve the limitation or reduction of CO ₂ emissions from international shipping	MEPC			Annual
		7.3.2.2	Keep under review IMO measures and contributions to international climate mitigation initiatives and agreements (including CO ₂ sequestration and ocean fertilization as well as consideration of the impact on the Arctic of emissions of Black Carbon from international shipping)	MEPC		PPR	2014
7.3.1	Keep under review IMO measures to reduce atmospheric pollution	7.3.1.1	Guidelines related to MARPOL Annex VI and the NO _x Technical Code in accordance with Action Plan endorsed by MEPC 64	MEPC		PPR	2015
7.4.1	Develop a strategy for the work related to the role of the human element including the chain of responsibility in marine environment protection		No outputs against this HLA				

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8.0.1	Promote wider acceptance of the FAL Convention and adoption of measures contained therein, to assist the FAL Committee's effort and work towards the universal implementation of measures to facilitate international maritime traffic	8.0.1.1	Comprehensive review of the FAL Convention	FAL			2015
8.0.2	Ensure that an appropriate balance is maintained between measures to enhance maritime security and measures to facilitate maritime international traffic	8.0.2.1	Consideration and analysis of reports and information on illegal migrants	MSC / FAL			Annual
8.0.3	Encourage the use of information and communication technology to drive continuous improvement and innovation in the facilitation of maritime traffic	8.0.3.1	Requirements for access to, or electronic versions of, certificates and documents, including record books required to be carried on ships	FAL	MSC / MEPC / LEG	III	2015
8.0.4	Implement resolution A.1043(27) on the Periodic Review of Administrative Requirements in Mandatory IMO Instruments	8.0.4.1	Identification and assessment of administrative requirements in mandatory IMO instruments that are perceived as being a burden	Council			2014
		8.0.4.2	Recommendations regarding reducing or simplifying requirements in mandatory IMO instruments to be forwarded to the relevant Committees for consideration and action	Council			2015
9.0.1	Identify and address the special shipping needs of SIDS and LDCs	9.0.1.1	ITCP programme implemented on support to SIDS and LDCs for their special shipping needs	TCC			Annual

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10.0.1	Further develop measures to apply goal-based standards for maritime safety and environmental protection	10.0.1.1	Goal-based new ship construction standards for tankers and bulk carriers	MSC			Continuous
		10.0.1.2	Goal-based ship construction standards for all types of ships, including safety, security and protection of the marine environment	MSC / MEPC			2015
11.1.1	Raise awareness of the role of international shipping in world trade and the global economy and the importance of the Organization's role		No outputs against this HLA				
11.1.2	Enhance the image of the role of the human element in the context of the shipping industry		No outputs against this HLA				
11.2.1	Actively promote and encourage the development of community relations programmes		No outputs against this HLA				
12.1.1	Use formal safety assessment techniques in the development of technical standards	12.1.1.1	Review of FSA studies by the FSA Experts' Group	MSC			Continuous
12.1.2	Use risk-based tools that take account of costs and the human element in the development of operational standards	12.1.2.1	Analysis of casualty and PSC data to identify trends and develop knowledge and risk-based recommendations	MSC / MEPC	III	HTW / PPR / SDC / SSE / NCSR	Annual
12.2.1	Keep under review the effectiveness of the ISM Code with regard to safety and protection of the marine environment	12.2.1.1	No outputs against this HLA				

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12.3.1	Promote and undertake collection and dissemination of high quality, relevant and timely information to support analyses and decisions, taking into account related issues of finance and governance	12.3.1.1	Consideration of reports of incidents involving dangerous goods or marine pollutants in packaged form on board ships or in port areas	MSC / MEPC	CCC	III	Annual
12.4.1	Raise awareness of the "chain of responsibility" concept among all stakeholders through organizations that have consultative status		No outputs against this HLA				
13.0.1	Strengthen conscience of the need for a continuous reduction of the adverse impact of shipping on the environment		No outputs against this HLA				
13.0.2	Promote and enhance the availability of, and access to, information relating to environmental protection (i.e. transparency) and, in particular, consider the wider dissemination of information, analyses and decisions, taking account of the financial implications		No outputs against this HLA				
13.0.3	Encourage the use in shipping of the best available environmental technology not entailing excessive costs, in line with the goal of sustainable development	13.0.3.1	Improved and new technologies approved for ballast water management systems and reduction of atmospheric pollution	MEPC		PPR	Annual

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