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LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAMME OF THE ORGANIZATION

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its Resolution A.367(IX) by which it approved the long-term programme of work to be undertaken by the Organization for the period 1978-1982,

RECALLING ALSO that it requested the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee to keep this programme under continuing review in the light of developments in the work of the Organization,

HAVING CONSIDERED the proposals of the Council for a long-term work programme which has been prepared in the light of recommendations from the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Facilitation Committee,

DECIDES to approve the long-term programme of work of the Organization for the period up to 1984, as set out in the Annex to this Resolution,

REQUESTS the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Facilitation Committee to keep this programme under continued review in the light of developments in the work of the Organization, bearing in mind the implication on the order of priorities of the relevant subjects and with a view to the harmonization of requirements, together with the unification of definitions used in various instruments developed under the auspices of the Organization and to report or recommend, as necessary, to the eleventh regular session of the Assembly,

FURTHER REQUESTS the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Facilitation Committee, in implementing the long-term work programme and in making recommendations for the work programme in the future, to bear in mind the desirability of scheduling not more than two conferences in each year, save in exceptional circumstances.

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ANNEX

SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAMME

The following is an indicative list of subjects for consideration by the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Facilitation Committee for the period up to 1984. The list is not exhaustive and the subjects are not listed in an order of priority.

MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

- (i) Review of technical problems associated with the implementation of an instrument and Resolutions to be adopted by the International Conference on Tanker Safety and Pollution Prevention, 1978.
- (ii) Parameters used in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea.
- (iii) Casualty investigations and reports on deficiencies in ships.
- (iv) Safety measures for ships carrying dangerous goods, special purpose ships, bulk chemical carriers, ships carrying liquefied gases in bulk, roll-on roll-off vessels, container ships, shipborne barges and barge carriers, nuclear merchant ships and for diving systems operating in the off-shore industry.
- (v) Subdivision and damage stability of dry cargo ships.
- (vi) Up-dating the Code for Dynamically Supported Craft.
- (vii) Implementation of Resolutions of the International Conference on Safety of Fishing Vessels and consequential studies, including design, construction and equipment of fishing vessels below 24 metres in length and training and certification of fishermen.
- (viii) Harmonization of the Bulk Chemical Code and the Gas Carrier Code; up-dating of these Codes.
- (ix) Handling in ports of liquid chemicals and liquefied gases in bulk.
- (x) Up-dating of recommendations on the Safe Practice in Handling of Dangerous Goods in Ports and Harbours.
- (xi) Emergency procedures for ships carrying dangerous goods.
- (xii) Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code and its Annexes.

- (xiii) Implementation procedures for the International Convention for Safe Containers.
- (xiv) Up-dating of the Code of Safe Practice for Bulk Cargoes.
- (xv) Carriage of solid dangerous substances in bulk.
- (xvi) Routeing of ships and traffic separation schemes.
- (xvii) Matters related to the 1972 Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- (xviii) The Maritime Distress System.
- (xix) Survival craft radio equipment.
- (xx) Operational standards for shipborne radio equipment.
- (xxi) Revision of Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea.
- (xxii) Requirements of training and qualifications for seafarers (other than those which will be included in the draft Convention).
- (xxiii) Manning from the point of view of safety.

LEGAL COMMITTEE

- (i) Possible convention on wreck removal and related issues.
- (ii) Possible convention on the regime of vessels in foreign ports.
- (iii) Arrest of sea-going ships.
- (iv) Legal status of Ocean Data Acquisition Systems (ODAS).
- (v) Possible review of the 1926 Brussels Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to Maritime Liens and Mortgages, and the 1967 revision thereof.
- (vi) Civil liability in connexion with drilling rigs.
- (vii) Possible review of the CMI "Brussels" Conventions with a view to their being replaced by up-dated Conventions under the auspices of IMCO.

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MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

A. Principal Objectives

- (a) Solution of technical problems involved in the implementation of the 1973 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, including examination of the problem of the implementation of that Convention in relation to the protection of the marine environment in the special areas.
- (b) Development of suitable procedures for the enforcement of the Conventions relating to marine pollution.
- (c) Promotion of technical co-operation in the field of marine pollution, including the development of regional arrangements on co-operation to combat pollution in cases of emergency.

B. Specific Subjects

- (i) Review of technical problems associated with the implementation of the 1969 Amendments to the 1954 Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, the 1973 Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and an instrument and Resolutions to be adopted by the International Conference on Tanker Safety and Pollution Prevention, 1978.
- (ii) Reception facilities for residues.
- (iii) Oil discharge monitoring system, particularly for light refined oils.
- (iv) Procedures for the control of ships.
- (v) Penalties for infringement of the Convention.
- (vi) Promotion of regional arrangements for combating marine pollution.
- (vii) Development of anti-pollution manual.
- (viii) Identification of the source of discharged oil.
- (ix) Development of manual on intervention under the 1969 Convention relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties and the 1973 Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Marine Pollution by Substances other than Oil.
- (x) Categorization of liquid substances.

- (xi) Procedures and arrangements for the discharge of noxious liquid substances.
- (xii) Prevention of pollution by noxious solid substances carried in bulk.
- (xiii) Inclusion of pollutants in the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

FACILITATION COMMITTEE

- (i) To monitor the status of the 1965 Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic and its Annex.
 - (ii) To conduct the facilitation activities within the Organization including promotional activities, in co-operation with Member Governments/Contracting Governments, and with other Organizations.
 - (iii) To consider proposed amendments to the Convention and/or its Annex.
 - (iv) To consider formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of ships:
 - (a) to monitor the implementation of the Standardized IMCO Model Forms (FAL 1-6);
 - (b) to consider difficulties in implementing the Model Forms, reported by Governments;
 - (c) to monitor and disseminate information on shipping documentation available in different countries.
 - (v) To consider formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of persons:
 - to consider the possibility of abolishing the requirement for submission of Passenger Lists.
 - (vi) To consider formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of cargo:
 - (a) facilitation aspects of the intermodal transport of dangerous goods;
 - (b) facilitation measures pertaining to transport operations with shipborne barges.
 - (vii) To consider facilitation aspects of forms and certificates emanating from other activities of the Organization.
 - (viii) To consider governments' information on implementation of individual provisions of the Annex to the Convention.
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