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LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAMME OF THE ORGANIZATION

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its resolution A.405(X) by which it approved the long-term programme of work to be undertaken by the Organization for the period up to 1984,

RECALLING ALSO that it requested the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Facilitation 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,

1. APPROVES the long-term programme of work of the Organization for the period up to 1986 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 and the Facilitation Committee to keep this programme under continued review in the light of developments in the work of the Organization and, having assessed the order of priorities of the various subjects, to report or recommend, as necessary to the Assembly at its twelfth regular session;
3. 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 for subsequent periods, to bear in mind the desirability of scheduling not more than one conference 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 1986. The list is not exhaustive and the subjects are not listed in an order of priority.

MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Measures to improve maritime safety and efficiency of navigation in general including:
 - (a) The implementation, technical interpretation and improvement of conventions, codes, recommendations and guidelines;
 - (b) Procedure for the control of ships including deficiency reports;
 - (c) Casualty statistics and investigations into serious casualties; and
 - (d) Harmonization of survey and certification requirements and guidelines for survey and inspection.
2. Training, watchkeeping and operational procedures for maritime personnel including seafarers, fishermen, maritime pilots and those responsible for maritime safety in mobile offshore drilling units.
3. The manning of sea-going ships.
4. Measures to improve navigation safety including ships' routing, requirements and standards for navigational aids and ship movement reporting systems.
5. The development of a global maritime distress and safety system and other maritime radiocommunication matters including navigational warning services, shipborne radio equipment and operational procedures.
6. Survival in case of maritime casualties and distress including life-saving appliances and the provision of maritime search and rescue services and their harmonization with aeronautical search and rescue.
7. The safe carriage of timber, grain and other cargoes by sea including containers and vehicles and dangerous goods carried therein or in packaged form, portable tanks, unit loads, shipborne barges or intermediate bulk containers (IBCs).

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8. Emergency procedures and safety measures for ships carrying dangerous goods, medical first aid in case of accidents involving dangerous goods and the safe use of pesticides in ships.
9. The safe handling and storage of dangerous goods in port areas.
10. Intact stability, subdivision, damage stability and load lines for all types of ships.
11. Tonnage measurement of ships.
12. Safety considerations for machinery and electrical installations.
13. Manoeuvrability of ships.
14. Noise levels on board ships.
15. Matters pertaining to fire safety in all types of ships.
16. Safety aspects of the design, construction and equipment of all types of ships, such as fishing vessels, oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers, dynamically supported craft, mobile offshore drilling units, special purpose ships, offshore supply vessels, nuclear merchant ships, roll-on/roll-off ships, barge carriers, dry cargo ships carrying dangerous chemicals in cargo tanks and barges carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk.
17. Co-operation with the United Nations and other international bodies on:
 - (a) The carriage of dangerous goods by all modes;
 - (b) Freight container safety in transport by all modes;
 - (c) Maritime training, the manning of sea-going ships, watchkeeping and operational procedures;
 - (d) Navigation safety and radio matters;
 - (e) The safety of fishing vessels;
 - (f) Noise levels on board ships;
 - (g) The safety of nuclear merchant ships; and
 - (h) The safety of offshore drilling units.

LEGAL COMMITTEE

1. Possible convention on wreck removal and related issues.
2. Possible convention on the regime of vessels in foreign ports.
3. Arrest of sea-going ships.
4. Legal status of Ocean Data Acquisition Systems (ODAS).

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5. Possible review of the 1926 Brussels Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Maritime Liens and Mortgages, and the 1967 revision thereof.
6. Civil liability in connexion with drilling rigs.
7. Possible review of the CMI "Brussels" Conventions with a view to their being replaced by updated conventions under the auspices of IMCO, where appropriate.
8. Draft convention on offshore mobile craft,
9. Any subjects consideration of which could not be completed in the 1980/81 biennium.

MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

I Principal objectives

1. Solution of technical problems involved in the implementation of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, including examination of the problems of the implementation of these instruments in relation to the protection of the marine environment in the special areas.
2. Development of suitable procedures for the enforcement of conventions relating to marine pollution.
3. Promotion of technical co-operation, including the development of regional arrangements on co-operation to combat pollution in cases of emergency.

II Specific subjects

1. Matters related to the implementation of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, as amended in 1969.
2. Uniform interpretation and application of the provisions of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto.
3. Reception facilities for residues.
4. Oil discharge and control systems, including those for light refined oils.
5. Development and updating of specifications and manual for crude oil washing systems and dedicated clean ballast tanks.
6. Procedures for the control of discharges from ships.
7. Surveys and certification of ships under the 1978 Protocol.

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8. Penalties for infringement of the Conventions.
9. Casualty investigations in relation to marine pollution.
10. Promotion of regional arrangements for combating marine pollution.
11. Development of anti-pollution manual.
12. Identification of the source of discharged oil.
13. Reporting system of incidents to ships causing pollution or threat of pollution.
14. Identification of particularly sensitive sea areas.
15. 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.
16. Categorization of liquid substances.
17. Procedures and arrangements for the discharge of noxious liquid substances.
18. Prevention of pollution by noxious solid substances in bulk.

FACILITATION COMMITTEE

1. Efforts directed at bringing into force the amended Article VII of the 1965 Facilitation Convention.
2. Monitoring the status of the Convention and its Annex.
3. Conducting facilitation activities within the Organization, including promotional activities, in co-operation with Member Governments, Contracting Governments and organizations concerned.
4. IMCO policy on electronic data processing of shipping documents and documents used for clearance of ships.
5. Documentary requirements for ships carrying nuclear or other noxious substances during "innocent passage". Standardization of such possible documents.
6. Proposed amendments to the Convention and/or its Annex:
 - (a) Temporary importation of specialized cargo handling gear (harmonization with "Kyoto" Convention);
 - (b) Acceptance of documents required by authorities, for commercial or transport use.

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7. Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of ships:
 - (a) Monitoring the implementation of the Standardized IMCO Model Forms (FAL 1-6);
 - (b) Difficulties in implementing the Model Forms, reported by Governments;
 - (c) Monitoring and dissemination of information on shipping documentation available in different countries;
 - (d) Non-acceptability of "foreign printed" FAL Forms in countries where the Model Forms have been implemented in the national format;
 - (e) Facilitation provisions concerning stores and provisions carried on commercial means of transport. Harmonization with the "Kyoto" Convention.
 8. Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of persons:
 - (a) The possibility of abolishing the requirements for submission of Passenger Lists or possible simplification thereof;
 - (b) The use of graphical signs and symbols at marine terminals and on board ships;
 - (c) Transfer back of any person upon refusal of admission (ICAO Annex 9, Recommended Practice 3.33).
 9. 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, including harmonization with the "Kyoto" Convention.
 10. Facilitation aspects of forms and certificates emanating from other activities of the Organization.
 11. Governments' information on implementation of individual provisions of the Annex to the Convention.
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