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WORK PROGRAMME OF THE ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION A.64(III)

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THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 16 of the Convention concerning the functions of the Assembly,

HAVING NOTED the expanded Work Programme submitted by the Council,

APPROVES the duties and functions as set out below,

INVITES the Council to carry out the programme,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to ensure its execution.

I. UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS

- (1) Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization
- (2) General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies (Assembly Resolutions A.10(I) and A.25(II))

Maintenance of contact with the United Nations Secretariat respecting the IMCO Convention and with all Member States of IMCO and States desirous of ratifying the IMCO Convention.

Maintenance of relations with, and provision of information to, all Member States of IMCO, in connexion with the Convention on Privileges and Immunities, including the establishment of a Headquarters Agreement with the Host State.

Administrative and legal duties in support of the above Conventions.

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II. IMCO CONVENTIONS AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC INSTRUMENTS

- (1) International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948 (Assembly Resolution A.2(I))
- (2) International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1948 (Assembly Resolution A.2(I))
- (3) International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960 (Assembly Resolution A.2(I))
- (4) International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1960 (Assembly Resolution A.2(I))
- (5) International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954 (Assembly Resolution A.8(I))
- (6) Conference of Contracting Governments to the above Convention, held in London in 1962 (Assembly Resolution A.8(I))
- (7) International Conference on Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1962 (Assembly Resolution A.8(I))

Administrative, legal and technical duties consequent upon IMCO being depositary authority for the above Conventions, as set out in the Final Clauses of these Conventions.

- (8) International Convention on Facilitation of Maritime Travel and Transport (Assembly Resolution A.29(II) and Council recommendation)

Administrative, legal and other duties arising out of IMCO's responsibility as depositary authority for the above Conventions if adopted.

III. SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE COUNCIL AND  
THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE REQUIRED  
UNDER THE IMCO CONVENTION

Preparation of documentation for sessions of the Assembly, the Council and the Maritime Safety Committee as required by Parts V, VI and VII of the IMCO Convention, including the Report



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of the Council to the Assembly on the work of the Organization (Article 24), the budgetary estimates and financial statements (Article 25) and the Report of the Maritime Safety Committee to the Assembly (Article 30).

Administrative, legal and technical duties in support of the above.

IV. OTHER DUTIES ASSIGNED BY THE RELEVANT CONFERENCE,  
BY THE ASSEMBLY AND BY THE COUNCIL

- (1) Unification of Maritime Tonnage Measurement  
(Assembly Resolution A.4(I))

Preparation of technical documentation for and servicing of meetings of the Sub-Committee and the Working Group on Tonnage Measurement, established by the Maritime Safety Committee.

Administrative and legal duties in support of the above.

- (2) Subdivision and Stability (Assembly Resolution A.41(II))

Preparation of technical documentation for and servicing of the Sub-Committee on Subdivision and Stability Problems, the Working Group on Intact Stability of Ships and the Working Group on Watertight Subdivision and Damage Stability of Passenger and Cargo Ships, established by the Maritime Safety Committee.

Administrative and legal duties in support of the above.

- (3) Fire Protection (Recommendations 11, 15 and 16 of the 1960 Safety Conference)

Collection and circulation of information on the subject of Fire Protection, in conformity with Recommendations 11, 15 and 16 of the 1960 Safety Conference together with the preparation of such further technical studies as may be required in connexion with the above.

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- (4) Preparation for the Load-line Conference  
(Council Resolution C.2(VI))

Technical duties in connexion with the establishment of questionnaires to governments, the preparation of subsequent documentation and the drafting of the proposed convention on load-lines.

Administrative and legal duties in connexion with the preparation and organization of an international conference to adopt a convention on load-lines.

- (5) International Code of Signals (Assembly Resolution A.3(I))

Technical duties in connexion with the preparation of documents and drafts for consideration by the Sub-Committee on the International Code of Signals established by the Maritime Safety Committee to revise the Code (including studies for the development of an internationally accepted figure-spelling table for use by radiotelephony).

Administrative and legal duties in support of the above.

- (6) Co-ordination of Safety at Sea and in the Air  
(Assembly Resolution A.41(II))

Technical duties in connexion with the preparation of documents and drafts for consideration by the Group of Experts and the Inter-Agency Group on Co-ordination of Safety at Sea and in the Air, covering the following items:

- (a) Ship-aircraft communications in case of emergency
- (b) Standardization of emergency and survival equipment  
(emergency position-indicating radio beacons)
- (c) Merchant ship position-reporting systems



(d) Communication problems for the dissemination of meteorological information

(e) Interference between ships' radar.

Administrative and legal duties in support of the above.

(7) Efficiency of Navigation Lights (Assembly Resolution A.41(II))

Preparation of technical documentation for future study of problems of the efficiency of navigation lights as required by Recommendation 51 of the 1960 Safety Conference.

(8) Further technical studies required under the 1960 Safety Convention (Assembly Resolution A.41(II))

Technical study, in conjunction with ITU, of the following items:

(a) Interference level on the radiotelegraph distress frequency, as required by Recommendation 27

(b) Direction-finding on the radiotelephone distress frequency, as required by Recommendation 31

(c) Electronic aids to navigation, as required by Recommendation 44

(d) Radar, as required by Recommendation 45.

(9) International Collision Regulations - Local Special Rules (Assembly Resolution A.41(II))

Collation of technical information and preparation of studies on the problem of further unification of local special rules, as required by Recommendation 53.

(10) Oceanography (Assembly Resolution A.11(I))

Technical duties in connexion with IMCO participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission established by UNESCO.

Administrative and legal duties in support of the above.

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- (11) Safety of Nuclear Ships (Assembly Resolution A.41(II) and A.30(II))

Technical duties in connexion with the application of Chapter VIII of the 1960 Safety Convention, in conjunction with IAEA.

Administrative and legal duties in support of the above.

- (12) Unified International Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Sea (Assembly Resolution A.41(II))

Preparation of technical documentation for and servicing of the Working Group on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Sea, established by the Maritime Safety Committee.

Administrative and legal duties in support of the above.

- (13) Further Duties arising out of the International Conference on Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1962 (Assembly Resolution A.8(I))

Technical duties in connexion with the Resolutions of the 1962 International Conference covering the following items:

- (a) To review and make available information regarding reception facilities, in accordance with Resolution 6.
- (b) To collate and co-ordinate information provided by governments on progress regarding the development and installation of efficient oily water separators, and on the basis thereof to initiate appropriate studies with the object of producing a suitable international performance specification, in accordance with Resolution 8.
- (c) To keep a record of manuals of guidance for the avoidance of oil pollution, in accordance with Resolution 11.
- (d) To collect, collate and transmit to Contracting Governments the results of research and other pertinent technical information, in accordance with Resolution 12.



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- (e) To co-ordinate research regarding avoidance of dealing with oil pollution, in accordance with Resolution 13.
- (f) To produce reports as to the status of all aspects of the oil pollution problem, in accordance with Resolution 15.

Duties and functions in connexion with the circulation, acceptance and application of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, and the subsequent amendments adopted by the International Conference on Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1962.

- (14) Training of Masters, Officers, and Seamen in the Use of Aids to Navigation and Other Devices  
(Assembly Resolutions A.41(II) and A.11(I))

Preparation of technical documentation for and servicing of joint meetings with the ILO (Joint Maritime Commission) in respect of training questions.

Administrative and legal duties in support of the above.

- (15) Strength of Grain Fittings (Assembly Resolution A.41(II))

Technical duties in connexion with the collection of information for the purpose of ultimate international standardization of requirements for grain fittings, as required by Recommendation 54 of the 1960 Safety Conference.

- (16) Carriage of Bulk Cargoes other than Grain  
(Assembly Resolution A.41(II))

Technical studies concerning the formulation of internationally acceptable practices on the subject of carriage of bulk cargoes other than grain as required by Recommendation 55 of the 1960 Safety Conference.



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- (17) Technical Assistance (Assembly Resolutions A.7(I) and A.28(II) and Council recommendation)

Provision of technical advice and guidance in connexion with the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.

Administrative and liaison duties with the United Nations and the Technical Assistance Board in connexion with IMCO participation in the above programme.

- (18) Relationship with the United Nations, the specialized agencies, IAEA, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental international organizations (Assembly Resolutions A.7(I), A.11(I), A.30(II), A.31(II) and A.42(II))

(a) Relationship with the United Nations

Duties required under the provisions of the Agreement on Relationship between the United Nations and IMCO, including the furnishing of regular reports on the activities of the Organization and the programme of operations of each ensuing year to the Economic and Social Council and the furnishing of such special reports, studies or information as may be requested by the United Nations (Article V). Co-operation in personnel arrangements, including participation in the International Civil Service Advisory Board. Consultation on all personnel, salary and pension questions (including the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (Article X)). Co-ordination in the establishment of uniformity of practices in regard to budgetary and financial questions. Participation in meetings of the Economic and Social Council, the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Article XIII).

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- (b) Relations with the ILO (Resolution A.11(I)) and with IAEA (Resolution A.30(II))

Maintenance of the measures for co-operation and consultation and exchange of information and documentation and personnel arrangements in accordance with the Agreement between the International Labour Organisation and IMCO, and with the International Atomic Energy Agency and IMCO.

- (c) Relations with FAO, UNESCO, WHO, Bank, IFC, IDA, Fund, ICAO, UPU, ITU and WMO

Maintenance of relations with the above Organizations in conformity with Article XII of the United Nations/IMCO Agreement which provides for close co-operation among the United Nations and all specialized agencies.

- (d) Relations with inter-governmental organizations - IHB and CCC

Maintenance of co-operation and exchange of information on matters of mutual interest, particularly with the International Hydrographic Bureau and the Customs Co-operation Council.

- (e) Relations with non-governmental international organizations - ICS, ISF, IUMI, CIRM, ICFTU, ISO, IUOTO, IEC, ICC and IALA

Maintenance of relations with non-governmental organizations in consultative status, in conformity with the Rules governing relations between IMCO and NGO's.

- (f) Establishment of relations with IMC

The Secretary-General was unable to carry out his intention of establishing contact with the International Maritime Committee during the summer of 1963. He hopes to arrange



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a meeting in the near future, when consideration will be given to appropriate means of establishing collaboration between IMC and IMCO.

(19) Facilitation of Travel and Transport (Assembly Resolution A.29(II))

Expert Group on Facilitation of Travel and Transport.  
(Council recommendation):

- (a) Sub-Group on Customs
- (b) Sub-Group on Immigration
- (c) Sub-Group on Health

Administrative, legal and other duties in collating information and preparing documentation for submission to the Expert Group on Facilitation of Travel and Transport and its three Sub-Groups on Customs, Immigration and Health, set up by the Council to assist the Secretary-General in preparing for the eventual establishment of the international convention in this field.

(20) Publications and Public Information  
(Assembly Resolution A.18(I))

Administrative, legal and technical duties in connexion with the preparation of all printed publications of the Organization. This will include the IMCO Annual Reports for 1964 and 1965, Resolutions and Other Decisions of the 1965 Assembly, the IMCO Bulletin and other printed information material. Re-issues of the IMCO Convention, the Safety of Life at Sea Convention, the Oil Pollution Convention, the Basic Documents of IMCO and other printed material.

Provision of a current information service to the interested press and public of the world by press releases, articles and other means.

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