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WORK PROGRAMME OF THE ORGANIZATION

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THE ASSEMBLY,

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

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.

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Administrative and legal duties in support of the above Conventions.

II. IMCO CONVENTIONS AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC INSTRUMENTS

- (1) International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948
- (2) International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1948
- (3) International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960
- (4) International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1960
- (5) International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954 and the amendments thereto adopted in 1962
- (6) Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic

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.

III. SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE COUNCIL AND THE
MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

Preparation of documentation for, and administrative duties in connexion with, 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 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 (Articles 22(a) and 30).

IV. PREPARATION FOR, AND CONVENING OF
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- (1) International Conference on Load-lines
(Assembly Resolution A.53(III))

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Preparatory work in connexion with the Conference, including collection, collation and circulation of proposals for the text of the convention. Convening and servicing of the Conference.

(2) International Conference on Tonnage Measurement

Preparatory work for convening an international conference on tonnage measurement, possibly in 1968.

V. DUTIES ASSIGNED BY THE RELEVANT CONFERENCES,
ASSEMBLY, COUNCIL AND MARITIME
SAFETY COMMITTEE

(1) Tonnage Measurement of Ships
(Assembly Resolutions A.4(I) and A.48(III))

(a) Preparation of technical documents and drafts for, and servicing of sessions of the Sub-Committee on Tonnage Measurement, established by the Maritime Safety Committee, and its subsidiary Working Group. Drafting of two proposals for a universal system of tonnage measurement, one based on the unification and simplification of existing systems, and the other an entirely new one.

(b) Duties in connexion with the implementation of the Recommendations on the "treatment of shelter-deck and other 'open' spaces".

(2) Subdivision and Stability (Assembly Resolutions A.41(II),
A.49(III) and A.52(III))

(a) Preparation of technical documents and drafts for, and servicing of sessions of the Sub-Committee on Subdivision and Stability Problems, established by the Maritime Safety Committee, and its subsidiary bodies - the Working Group on Intact Stability of Ships, the Working Group on Watertight Subdivision and Damage Stability of Passenger and Cargo Ships, and the Panel of Experts on Stability of Fishing Vessels.

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Collection, collation, summarizing and circulation of various technical data in connexion with the studies of the Sub-Committee and its subsidiary bodies. Drafting of proposals for intact stability standards for passenger, cargo and fishing vessels. Studies on subdivision of cargo and passenger ships. Maintenance of close co-operation with FAO on stability studies of fishing vessels.

(b) Duties in connexion with the implementation of recommendations on stability information for ships carrying grain (Assembly Resolution A.49(III)).

(3) Fire Protection (Assembly Resolution A.64(III))

Preparation of technical documents and drafts for, and servicing of sessions of the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, established by the Maritime Safety Committee to conduct studies in conformity with Recommendations 11, 15 and 20 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960.

Collection, processing and circulation of technical information in connexion with studies of the Sub-Committee and its subsidiary body.

(4) International Code of Signals (Assembly Resolutions A.3(I) and A.80(IV))

Technical duties in connexion with bringing into force the revised Code of Signals, keeping it up to date and carrying out the tasks prescribed by Assembly Resolution A.80(IV).

Duties connected with examination of lights, shapes and sound signals for fishing vessels and preparations for an Administrative Radio Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, both to be considered by the Sub-Committee on the International Code of Signals which would be renamed "Sub-Committee on Signals and Communications".

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(5) Prevention of Oil Pollution (Assembly Resolution A.8(I))

Preparation of documentation for and servicing of the Sub-Committee on Oil Pollution and its working group. The Sub-Committee was established by the Maritime Safety Committee so as to ensure effective performance of the various duties imposed on the Organization for prevention of pollution of the sea by oil discharged from ships, with emphasis on practical measures for this purpose.

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

Preparation of technical documentation for the servicing of the Working Group on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Sea, established by the Maritime Safety Committee to conduct studies in conformity with Recommendation 56 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, including compilation of the remaining classes of the Code and keeping the whole Code up to date.

(7) Carriage of Bulk Cargoes other than Grain and the Strength of Grain Fittings (Assembly Resolution A.41(II))

Preparation of technical documentation for the servicing of the Working Group on Bulk Cargoes set up by the Maritime Safety Committee to conduct studies in conformity with Recommendations 54 and 55 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960. Revision and keeping up to date of Code of Safe Practice for the carriage of bulk cargoes.

(8) Efficiency of Navigation Lights

Preparation of documents and drafts for consideration by the Sub-Committee entrusted with the studies of the efficiency of navigation lights as required by Recommendation 51 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960.

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(9) Life-jackets

Preparation of documents and drafts for consideration by the Sub-Committee entrusted with studies concerning the requirements for life-jackets.

(10) Navigational aspects concerning the operation of certain special types of craft (Hydrofoil and Hovercraft)

Preparation of documents and drafts for consideration by the Sub-Committee entrusted with the studies of the navigational aspects of the operation of special types of craft, in particular hydrofoil boats and hovercraft.

(11) Navigation in the Strait of Dover and other congested areas (Assembly Resolution A.90(IV))

Implementation of above-mentioned Resolution.

(12) Merchant Ship position-reporting systems (Recommendation 47 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960)

Preparation of necessary documents, circulation of information, etc.

(13) Emergency position-indicating radio beacons (Assembly Resolution A.91(IV) and Recommendation 48 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960)

Co-operation with ITU for the implementation of the Assembly Resolution.

(14) Meteorological questions related to safety at sea

Collection and circulation of information and co-operation with WMO, as necessary.

(15) Lights and shapes for fishing vessels and other related subjects concerning the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Recommendation 53 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960)

Preparation of documentation and circulation of information.

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- (16) Safety of Nuclear Ships (Assembly Resolutions A.41(II) and A.30(II))

Duties in connexion with the application of Chapter VIII of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960.

Co-operation with IAEA, including participation at Secretariat level in the work of the IAEA panel on harbour evaluation and the convening, in 1967, of a symposium on nuclear reactors for ship propulsion.

- (17) Technical Assistance* (Assembly Resolution A.62(III) and Council Resolution C.5(XI))

Duties arising out of IMCO's participation in the work of the Technical Assistance Board.

Responsibilities of a substantive character and responsibilities of administrative nature in so far as the latter are not carried out by the United Nations Bureau for Technical Assistance Operations.

- (18) Relationship with the United Nations, the specialized agencies, IAEA, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations (Assembly Resolutions A.57(III) and A.58(III))

(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

* Execution of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance should not have repercussions on the IMCO budget.

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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).

(b) Relations with ILO, with IAEA and with FAO

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, between the International Atomic Energy Agency and IMCO, and between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and IMCO.

(c) Relations with UNESCO and IOC, 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, CIRM, ICFTU, ISO, IUOTO, IEC, ICC, IALA and others as may be decided by the Assembly

Maintenance of relations with non-governmental organizations in consultative status, in conformity with the Rules Governing Relationship between IMCO and Non-Governmental International Organizations.

(19) Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic
(Assembly Resolution A.63(III))

Implementation of the Resolutions adopted by the International Conference on Facilitation of Maritime Travel and Transport, 1965; in particular, encouragement of acceptance of and accession to the the Convention, and establishment of the ad hoc working group.

Administrative, legal and other duties in collecting information and preparing documentation for submission to the ad hoc working group.

Administrative and legal duties in connexion with the Convention and its Annex.

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

Administrative, legal and technical duties in connexion with the preparation of printed publications of the Organization. This will include the IMCO Annual Reports, Resolutions and Other Decisions of the 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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ANNEX

List of Meetings

currently under consideration for 1966-1967

	Meeting weeks	
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Assembly	-	2
Council	2	2
Maritime Safety Committee	2	2
*Conference on Load-lines	5	-
**Ad hoc Working Group on Facilitation	-	1
Sub-Committee on Special Types of Craft	1	1
Sub-Committee on Life-jackets	1	1
Sub-Committee on Efficiency of Navigation Lights and Related Matters	-	1
Sub-Committee on Signals and Communications	1	1
Sub-Committee on Tonnage Measurement	1	1
Working Group on Tonnage Measurement	1	2
Sub-Committee on Subdivision and Stability Problems	1	1
Working Group on Subdivision	1	2
Working Group on Intact Stability	1	2
Panel of Experts on the Stability of Fishing Vessels	1	2
Sub-Committee on Fire Protection	1	1
Working Groups of the Fire Protection Sub-Committee	2	1
Sub-Committee on Oil Pollution	1	1
Working Group on Oil Pollution	1	-
***Working Group on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Sea	2	2
Working Group on Bulk Cargoes	2	2
	27	28

* Resolution A.53(III).

** Expenditure in respect of a possible meeting of the ad hoc Working Group in 1967 has not been included in the draft budget.

*** In addition, the Working Group on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Sea recommends the establishment of an Editorial Group.

