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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the 137th session of the Council
to be held at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR
from Monday, 6 July to Friday, 10 July 2026**

(The session commences at 9.30 a.m. UTC+1 on Monday, 6 July 2026)

1 Adoption of the agenda

2 Report of the Secretary-General on credentials

3 Rules of Procedure

4 Strategy and planning:

(a) Strategy and planning

(b) Internal Oversight, Ethics and Joint Inspection Unit

5 Resource management:

(a) Human resources matters

(b) Financial reports

(c) Report on Member State contributions

6 Enhancement of Multilingualism

7 Enhancement of GISIS

8 IMO Member State Audit Scheme

9 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee

10 Report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee

11 Report of the Legal Committee

12 Report of the Facilitation Committee

13 Report of the Technical Cooperation Committee

14 Global maritime training institutions

(a) World Maritime University

(b) IMO International Maritime Law Institute

15 External relations:

(a) Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies

(b) Relations with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

(c) International Days established by IMO

(d) IMO Awards

16 Protection of vital shipping lanes

17 Report on the status of conventions

18 Place, date and duration of the next session of the Council (C 138)

19 Supplementary agenda items, if any

Notes:

1 In accordance with the document on *Organization and method of work of the Council* (COUNCIL.1/Circ.2/Rev.1):

.1 as specified in paragraph 3.3, documents should be received by the Secretariat as follows:

.1 documents (including information documents) containing more than six pages of text (bulky documents),* by **Friday, 22 May 2026 (six-week deadline)**, except where not practicable (e.g. in the case of the report of any IMO organ meeting shortly before the Council's session);

.2 documents containing six pages or fewer of text (non-bulky documents) by **Friday, 5 June 2026 (four-week deadline)**;

.3 Council Members and other Member Governments and international organizations should not, other than in exceptional circumstances, submit any documents under the item "Supplementary agenda items, if any" fewer **than four weeks** in advance of the scheduled meeting; and

.4 Council Members and other Member Governments wishing to raise urgent matters or to react to documents submitted in accordance with sub-paragraphs 3.3.3 and 3.3.4 of the Council's document on the Organization and method of work should, as far as practicable, ensure that their submissions are fewer than two pages in length, expressly requesting that the special procedure provided in paragraph 3.5 thereof be applied;

.2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:

.1 all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with the Council's document on the Organization and method of work;

.2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action that the Council is invited to take; and

.3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein;

* C 104 decided that documents, other than information documents and those referred to in sub-paragraph 3.3.1 of COUNCIL.1/Circ.2, which contain more than 20 pages, will not be translated into all working languages in their entirety. They should include, for translation purposes, a summary of the document not longer than four pages, with the remaining content submitted as an annex in one of the three working languages (see COUNCIL.1/Circ.2, annex, sub-paragraph 3.3.2).

.3 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:

- font: Arial
- font size: 11
- justification: full
- margins: 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right

A template is available on the IMODOCS website for use in the preparation of documents.

To facilitate processing, meeting documents should be submitted through the IMODOCS home page (https://docs.imo.org) under the "Document Submission Portal" tab (Submission Portal) in Microsoft Word, as set out in Circular Letter No.4662 of 16 December 2022. All submissions will be acknowledged via a notification sent from the Submission Portal. For any queries relating to the Submission Portal, please email the Secretariat at imodocs@imo.org.

2 The Council's document on the organization and its method of work requests the Secretariat to strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Governments or international organizations, or to submit documents late itself, except in the circumstances described in sub-paragraphs 3.3.3 (e.g. in the case of the report of any IMO organ, which has met shortly before a particular session of the Council) and 3.3.5 (e.g. exceptional circumstances), or in paragraph 3.4 (e.g. Council Members and other Member States wishing to raise urgent matters or to react to documents submitted in accordance with sub-paragraphs 3.3.3 and 3.3.4 thereof).

3 In order to improve access to information and increase transparency, the Council, at its 132nd session, endorsed that Council documents submitted by the Secretariat be released to the public prior to a meeting, unless the Council decides otherwise in advance; and that the Council's summary of decisions also be released to the public.

4 Council documents submitted by a Member State, an intergovernmental organization or a non-governmental organization will be released to the public, unless the submitter indicates, at the time of submission, that such documents should remain private, by not checking "Public release" at the top right corner of the document template provided on IMODOCS.