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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda and provisional timetable

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on the action the Committee will be invited to take in relation to the items on the agenda of MEPC/ES.2. Annotations to the provisional agenda are contained in annex 1 and the provisional timetable for the meeting is set out in annex 2.
<i>Strategic direction, if applicable:</i>	Not applicable
<i>Output:</i>	Not applicable
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 9
<i>Related documents:</i>	MEPC/ES.2/1; MEPC 83/17 and addenda; Circular Letters Nos.5004 and 5005 and any other documents as specified

Annotations to the provisional agenda

1 The provisional agenda for the meeting, prepared in accordance with the list of items to be included in the agenda of the second extraordinary session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC/ES.2) agreed at MEPC 83 (MEPC 83/17/Add.1, annex 20), has been circulated as document MEPC/ES.2/1.

2 The annotations to the provisional agenda, set out in annex 1, provide information on the action the Committee will be invited to take under each agenda item.

Working and drafting groups

3 Following a review of the documentation submitted to the session, and having taken into account the relevant decisions of MEPC 83, the Chair, in consultation with the Secretariat, proposes that the following working and drafting groups be established at the session:

- .1 Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships; and
- .2 Drafting Group on Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.

Use of hybrid meeting capability to complement in-person participation

4 MEPC 83 approved revised *Rules of Procedure of the Marine Environment Protection Committee* (MEPC.1/Circ.919), enabling the use of hybrid capabilities to support in-person meetings. In this regard, it is proposed that all plenary sessions, as well as the meetings of the Drafting Group on Amendments to Mandatory Instruments and the Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships, be conducted fully in person, supported by the hybrid infrastructure (see Circular Letters Nos.4623 and 4627).

5 The registration form to join the above-mentioned two groups can be found at the following address: <https://forms.office.com/e/dd72uxDN7s>.

Provisional timetable

6 A provisional timetable for the conduct of MEPC/ES.2, prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair, is set out in annex 2. The timetable is of a tentative nature, for guidance only, and may be modified as necessary.

Organization of work for the session

7 The Committees' Method of Work (*Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.6)) will be strictly adhered to.

Presentations

8 No presentations are scheduled for this session.

Action requested of the Committee

9 The Committee is invited to note the information provided, in particular the annotations to the provisional agenda, set out in annex 1, and the provisional timetable, set out in annex 2, and take action as deemed appropriate.

ANNEX 1

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA*

1 Adoption of the agenda

MEPC/ES.2/1	Secretariat	Provisional agenda
MEPC/ES.2/1/1	Secretariat	Annotations to the provisional agenda

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda for the session (MEPC/ES.2/1) and agree to the annotations thereto and the provisional timetable (MEPC/ES.2/1/1).

2 Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments

MEPC/ES.2/2	Secretariat	Draft Revised MARPOL Annex VI 2025
MEPC/ES.2/2/1	IACS	Improvements to the text of the draft IMO Net-Zero Framework from the implementation perspective
MEPC/ES.2/2/2	ICS	Suggested amendment to draft regulation 39.2 of MARPOL Annex VI
MEPC/ES.2/2/3	ICS	Support for adoption of IMO Net-Zero Framework
MEPC/ES.2/2/4	Bahrain et al.	Detailed techno-economic analysis of the mechanism and measures proposed in Circular Letter No.5005 and identification of their associated risks
MEPC/ES.2/2/5	China	Proposed editorial improvements to regulation 13.5.1 of the draft Revised MARPOL Annex VI
MEPC/ES.2/2/6	Bahrain et al.	Legal concerns regarding the proposed IMO Net-Zero Framework, included as new Chapter 5 in the draft revised consolidated version of MARPOL Annex VI annexed to Circular Letter No.5005
MEPC/ES.2/2/7	Bahrain et al.	Detailed socio-economic analysis of the mechanism and measures proposed in Circular Letter No.5005, with particular focus on the negative impact on commodity
MEPC/ES.2/2/8	United States	Assessment of impact of the Net-Zero Framework as presented in MEPC/ES.2/2 and identification of issues and shortcomings which present unacceptable risks to the shipping sector and its energy transition goals

* The documents listed herein have been received by the 13-week and 9-week deadlines for submission.

MEPC/ES.2/2/9	Angola et al.	Declarations on the Dakar Training and Awareness-Raising Workshop on Measures for the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Ships, held from 4 to 6 August 2025
MEPC/ES.2/2/10	Solomon Islands	Comments on document MEPC/ES.2/2

2.1 The Committee will recall that MEPC 83 requested the Secretariat to carry out an editorial review and prepare a consolidated version of the draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, containing those draft amendments approved at both MEPC 82 and MEPC 83, in the form of a draft revised MARPOL Annex VI (MEPC 83/17, paragraph 7.45 and annex 11).

2.2 In this context, the Committee will be invited to consider, with a view to adoption, in accordance with MARPOL article 16(2), the draft revised MARPOL Annex VI 2025 (MEPC 83/17, annex 11 and MEPC/ES.2/2, annex).

2.3 The aforementioned consolidated amendments were circulated by the Secretary-General, in accordance with MARPOL article 16(2)(a), by means of Circular Letter No.5005.

2.4 A drafting group is expected to be established to prepare the final text of the amendments.

3 Reduction of GHG emissions from ships

MEPC/ES.2/3	Secretariat	Draft work plan to prepare for the entry into force of the IMO Net-Zero Framework
MEPC/ES.2/3/1	United Arab Emirates	Inclusion of the development of possible candidate long-term measures as a work stream within the draft work plan
MEPC/ES.2/3/2	Egypt et al.	Proposal for the establishment of a new Sub-Committee on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships
MEPC/ES.2/3/3	Barbados et al.	The IMO Net-Zero Fund: The timeline necessary to ensure a just and equitable transition, leaving no country behind
MEPC/ES.2/INF.2	Oman	Development of a green hydrogen maritime corridor between Oman (Port of Duqm) and the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Port of Amsterdam) – a strategic contribution to global decarbonization and maritime energy transition

3.1 The Committee will recall that MEPC 83 requested the Secretariat to develop a draft work plan to prepare for the entry into force of the IMO Net-Zero Framework, for consideration at this session (MEPC 83/17, paragraph 7.47).

3.2 In this regard, the Committee will be invited to:

- .1 consider and approve the final work plan, taking into account the draft plan prepared by the Secretariat (MEPC/ES.2/3) together with relevant commenting documents submitted to the session; and
- .2 consider a proposal for the establishment of a new Sub-Committee on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (MEPC/ES.2/3/2), taking into account the possible budget implications (MEPC/ES.2/3/4).

3.3 Depending on the outcome of the Committee's deliberations on the above-mentioned subjects, a working group may be established to further consider matters referred to it by the Committee.

4 Any other business

The Committee will be invited to consider any matters raised under this agenda item.

5 Consideration of the report of the Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider the draft report of its second extraordinary session.

ANNEX 2
PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Date	Agenda item	Groups
Tuesday, 14 Oct 2025	1 Adoption of the agenda	DG
	2 Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments	
Wednesday, 15 Oct 2025	3 Reduction of GHG emissions from ships	WG
	4 Any other business	
Thursday, 16 Oct 2025	Reports of the drafting and working groups	
Friday, 17 Oct 2025	5 Consideration of the report of the Committee	

DG Drafting Group on Amendments to Mandatory Instruments
WG Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships