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REVISED PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 2021

Introduction / Explanatory notes

1 The revised meeting calendar for 2021 is contained in the annex to this document. The schedule was developed as guided by the priority list approved by the Council (C/ES.32/D, paragraph 3.2 and annex 1), with due regard to the guidance of the Council regarding availability of interpreters, the length of virtual sessions and the number of virtual meeting days available; taking into account the workload strain for delegations to participate in multiple meetings considering matters of substance simultaneously and of the capacity of the Secretariat to support the same (C/ES.32/D, paragraph 3.3).

2 In scheduling sub-committee meetings, in particular those that did not meet in 2020, consideration was given to the fact that MSC 102 and MEPC 75 were postponed until late in the year 2020. In order to allow delegations to make timely submissions to these sub-committee meetings, in accordance with the *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.1)*, sub-committee meetings had to be calendared later in the year than usual. Further, because of calendaring (available weeks) and budgetary (authorized meeting weeks) concerns, two sub-committees that were able to physically meet in 2020 will not hold a meeting in 2021. Thus, except for the PPR and NCSR Sub-Committees, all sub-committees will hold only one session in the 2020-2021 biennium.

3 As a result of committee meetings being held late in 2020, no committee or sub-committee meetings have been scheduled before 15 February 2021. However, some committees have already or are likely to form remote intersessional groups to further their work. Therefore, weeks have been allocated in the calendar for such intersessional groups to meet. In the case of groups where significant participation is expected, such as ISWG-GHG or the Working Group on Council Reform, dedicated weeks have been allocated in the calendar. For other groups, weeks have been set aside to allow them to conduct their work. The Secretariat will work with the chairs of these groups to develop a schedule that will be announced in due course, as a revision to this document.

4 Given the uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, delegations should expect that all Council, committee, sub-committee and other meetings taking place before 31 July 2021 will be held remotely. Should the IMO Headquarters building become available for hybrid meetings (part virtual, part physical), delegations will be given at least 30 days' notice of such hybrid meetings. Delegations will be given at least 90 days' notice before full physical meetings resume, so that proper arrangements can be made.

ANNEX

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January	(28) – 1	(1st, New Year holiday)	July	(28) – 2	C 125
	4 – 8	<i>Intersessional WGs / CGs</i>		5 – 9	<i>IMO/ITU WG</i>
	11 – 15	[IMSO]		12 – 16	III 7
	18 – 22	E&T 33 (IMSBC)		19 – 23	
	25 – 29	<i>Intersessional WGs / CGs</i>		26 – 30	LEG 108
February	1 – 5	<i>WG on Council Reform</i>	August	2 – 6	
	8 – 12	<i>Intersessional WGs / CGs</i>		9 – 13	
	15 – 19	HTW 7		16 – 20	
	22 – 26			23 – 27	
March	1 – 5	<i>Intersessional WGs / CGs</i>	September	(30) – 3	(30 Aug, Summer Bank holiday)
	8 – 12			6 – 10	CCC 7
	15 – 19	<i>E&T 34 (IMDG)</i>		13 – 17	E&T 35 (IMDG)
	22 – 26	PPR 8		20 – 24	TCC 71
April	(29) – 2	[IOPC] ⁽²⁹⁻¹⁾ (2nd, Good Friday)	October	(27) – 1	
	5 – 9	C.ES/33 ⁽⁸⁾ (5th, Easter Monday)		4 – 8	MSC 104
	12 – 16	LC/SG 44		11 – 15	LP-CG 13 (14-15) ESPH 27
	19 – 23	NCSR 8		18 – 22	LC 43/LP 16
	26 – 30			25 – 29	
May	3 – 7	(3rd, Bank Holiday) MSC 103 ⁽⁵⁻⁷⁾	November	1 – 5	MEPC 77
	10 – 14	MSC 103		8 – 12	[IOPC]
	17 – 21			15 – 19	C [126/ES.34] ⁽¹⁷⁻¹⁹⁾
	24 – 28	ISWG GHG 8		22 – 26	
June	(31) – 4	(31 May, Spring Bank Holiday) FAL 45 ⁽¹⁻⁴⁾	December	(29) – 3	A 32
	7 – 11	FAL 45 ⁽⁷⁾		6 – 10	A 32 ⁽⁶⁻⁸⁾ C [126/127] ⁽⁹⁾
	14 – 18	MEPC 76		13 – 17	
	21 – 25			20 – 24	
				27 – 31	(27th & 28th Bank Holiday)

* This preliminary programme of meetings is provided for illustrative purposes only and is subject to change.