

## ANNEX 14

### WORK PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MID- AND LONG-TERM MEASURES AS A FOLLOW-UP OF THE INITIAL IMO STRATEGY ON REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS

1 This work plan is developed to progress development of mid- and long-term measures in line with the *Initial IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships* and its Programme of follow-up actions.

2 The work plan aims at supporting the achievement of the vision and the levels of ambition agreed in the Initial Strategy.

3 The work plan consists of three main phases:

- .1 Phase I – Collation and initial consideration of proposals for measures;
- .2 Phase II – Assessment and selection of measure(s) to further develop; and
- .3 Phase III – Development of (a) measure(s) to be finalized within (an) agreed target date(s).

4 The implementation of the work plan includes the assessment of impacts on States of the proposed measures in accordance with the *Procedure for assessing impacts on States of candidate measures* set out in MEPC.1/Circ.885, taking into account the outcome of the lessons-learned exercise from the comprehensive impact assessment of the short-term measure.<sup>1</sup>

5 Once a measure is adopted and enacted, the Committee should keep its implementation and impacts under review, upon request from Member States, so that any necessary adjustments may be made.

#### **Phase I: Collation and initial consideration of proposals for measures**

6 *Purpose:* To table various proposals for measures in order to be able to understand and compare their main features and implications.

7 *What to do:* Identify the key issues to consider in relation to each proposed measure, along with considerations of their potential impacts on States in application of MEPC.1/Circ.885. The key issues should include, but not be limited to, the following elements:

- .1 main characteristics and features of the measure, including in particular the scope of application, the appropriate IMO legal framework envisaged (new or existing), whether alternative methods of compliance may be used, and all other relevant elements enabling its understanding and implications;
- .2 identification of emissions reduction potential, when the measure will start taking effect, and reductions to be expected by 2050;
- .3 potential implications on the shipping industry, in particular on technical and operational aspects, and on costs and investment needs for the maritime industry;

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<sup>1</sup> As set out in resolution MEPC.328(76).

- .4 implementation and enforcement aspects, such as actions that would need to be taken by industry stakeholders, by national Administrations as flag States and port States, etc.;
- .5 legal aspects and relationship with relevant international law; and
- .6 indication of the total workload for the Organization including expected time frame for development, approval, adoption and implementation of the measure, and suggestions on how to expedite the work.

8 *Time period:* Spring 2021 to spring 2022. The first phase of the work plan may require frequent meetings between MEPC 76 and MEPC 78 and may entail an added workload both on the Committee and the Secretariat.

### **Phase II: Assessment and selection of measures to further develop**

9 *Purpose:* To identify (a) candidate measure(s) to develop further as a priority.

10 *What to do:* Build upon information from Phase I to select the measure(s) to further develop in as a priority. This decision should be based on an assessment of the proposed measures, in particular their feasibility, their effectiveness to deliver the long-term levels of ambition of the Initial Strategy and their potential impacts on States.

11 *Time period:* Spring 2022 to spring 2023. The Committee's decision on measures to develop as a priority may be taken in conjunction with the revision of the Initial Strategy. The second phase of the work plan may also necessitate frequent meetings in a format to be decided by the Committee.

### **Phase III: Development of (a) measure(s) to be finalized within (an) agreed target date(s)**

12 *Purpose:* In the case of amending existing legal instruments, prepare amendments as appropriate. In the case of developing a new legal instrument, prepare a framework for consideration by the Committee in order to decide on the way forward.

13 *What to do:* Develop and adopt the measure(s), along with the assessments of impacts on States in application of MEPC.1/Circ.885.<sup>2</sup> In order to support this process, a detailed outline of the framework supporting information and assessment of how the selected measure(s) will meet the long-term levels of ambition could be undertaken.

14 *Timeline:* Target date(s) to be agreed in conjunction with the IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.

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<sup>2</sup> As may be amended.