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## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA; REPORT ON CREDENTIALS**

### **Arrangements for FAL 46**

#### **Consideration of selected agenda items by correspondence**

##### **Note by the Chair**

###### **SUMMARY**

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on action the Committee will be invited to take by correspondence in relation to items on its agenda for the forty-sixth session
<i>Strategic direction, if applicable:</i>	Not applicable
<i>Output:</i>	Not applicable
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 3
<i>Related document:</i>	FAL 46/1/2

#### **Background**

1 Document FAL 46/1/2 sets out proposals by the Chair on action the Committee has been invited to take by correspondence in relation to items on its agenda for this session. Member States and international organizations were invited to provide their comments on the Chair's proposed actions.

2 By the date of this document, comments have been received from Australia, as set out in the annex.

#### **Action requested of the Committee**

3 The Committee is invited to note the comments received on the proposed action items contained in document FAL 46/1/2, as set out in annex 1, that endorses the Chair's proposed actions in the above-mentioned document.

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## **ANNEX**

### **COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE CHAIR'S PROPOSALS FOR ACTION**

#### **1 AGENDA ITEM 11 – UNSAFE MIXED MIGRATION BY SEA**

**Australia:**

- notes the UN Refugee Agency's (UNHCR) initiative to reconstitute the Inter-Agency Group on Safety of Life at Sea;
- notes the discussions in MSC regarding the adoption of a new resolution to reiterate the importance of effective and timely involvement of Governments in cases of rescue of migrants at sea by merchant ships; and
- agrees to extend the target completion year of output 5.13 "IMO's contribution to addressing unsafe mixed migration by sea" to 2023.

#### **2 AGENDA ITEM 12 – CONSIDERATION AND ANALYSIS OF REPORTS AND INFORMATION ON PERSONS RESCUED AT SEA AND STOWAWAYS**

**Australia:**

- notes the information on the number of reports of incidents and the stowaways involved;
- supports urging Member States and international organizations to provide timely and accurate information on stowaway cases to IMO in accordance with standard 4.7.1 of the FAL Convention;
- invites the P&I Clubs to present information on stowaway cases;
- notes the number of reports on persons rescued at sea entered in GISIS since 2015; and
- notes the low level of reporting of migrant incidents at sea and of suspected smugglers and vessels and encourages Member States to provide and update the information in GISIS.

#### **3 AGENDA ITEM 18 – TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO FACILITATION OF MARITIME TRAFFIC**

**Australia:**

- notes the status of activities relevant to the implementation of the Facilitation Convention, conducted under the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme in the period from December 2019 to December 2021; and
- agrees to urge Member States and the maritime industry to contribute to IMO's technical cooperation programme.

**4 AGENDA ITEM 19 – RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**Australia:**

- notes the FAL Committee noted the relevant decisions of A 32, C 124 and C/ES.34 with regard to relations with non-governmental organizations, applications for consultative status and related matters.

**5 AGENDA ITEM 20 – APPLICATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S PROCEDURES ON ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK**

**Australia:**

- notes that MSC 101 and MEPC 75 approved MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.2 on *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies.*
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