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## **STRENGTHENING OF HUMAN ELEMENT INPUT TO THE WORK OF IMO**

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-third session (18 to 22 July 2005) and the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-first session (10 to 19 May 2006), noted that human element experts have participated primarily in the meeting of the Joint MSC/MEPC Working Group on Human Element.

2 The Committees recognized that in order to properly integrate the human element into the Organization's activities, it would be appropriate for those who have knowledge, expertise or active interest in the human element to participate in the work of the relevant Sub-Committees, as appropriate.

3 The Committees further recognized that it would be useful if Member Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations would also consult those who have human element expertise or interest nationally when considering relevant issues or topics.

4 Accordingly, the Committees identified Passenger Ship Safety, Casualty Analysis, Maritime Security, Ballast Water Management, and Ship Recycling as issues where input on the human element would be especially beneficial. Furthermore the Committees agreed that human element input should be applied to proposals to develop or amend IMO instruments affecting all phases of the ship life-cycle including design, construction, operations, management, maintenance, and recycling as well as the education and training of the people involved.

5 Member Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to encourage those who have human element expertise to participate in the appropriate meetings of the Committees and Sub-Committees.

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