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(b) Maritime transport policy development

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides updated information on the work undertaken by the Secretariat to enhance assistance to Member States in the development of National Maritime Transport Policies (NMTPs)

Strategic direction, if applicable: 1 and 4

Output: 1.8 and 4.2

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: TC 68/5(a); TC 67/5(a); TC 66/5(a) and TC 65/6(a)

Introduction

1 At its sixty-eighth session, the Committee was provided with information on the work undertaken by the Secretariat to assist Member States with the development and adoption of National Maritime Transport Policies (NMTPs).

NMTPs training package and promotional videos

2 The Committee may recall that a training package to assist with the delivery of NMTP technical assistance activities was developed by the World Maritime University (WMU), in close cooperation with the Secretariat. The French and Spanish versions of the training package were finalized during the course of 2018 and the Spanish version was recently used for the delivery of a workshop in Mexico. The training package, which comprises the workshop and seminar material, has a broad global dimension, and provides beneficiaries with the required knowledge and skills necessary to prepare such policies that will in turn enhance the implementation of their obligations as flag, port and coastal States and lead to better development and regulation of the maritime transport sector. Member States are reminded that the three-day workshop is intended for government officials and other personnel involved in the development and preparation of NMTPs, whereas the one-day seminar is aimed at senior officials who review and recommend NMTPs for adoption.

3 In addition to the training material, two short videos were produced by the Secretariat, also in cooperation with WMU, with the objective of promoting and advocating the development and adoption of NMTPs. The first video, targeted at ministers and senior government officials, is also available with French and Spanish subtitles whilst the second slightly longer video, currently available in English, will also be produced with subtitles in those languages. Both videos are a valuable tool to assist the Secretariat and senior government officials in their endeavours to raise awareness on the importance and usefulness of NMTPs for a country's sustainable maritime development and for the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly at the country level. Further information on the two promotional videos may be found in the IMO Circular Letters Nos. [3930](#), [3930/Add.1](#) and [3930/Add.2](#)

Delivery of maritime transport policy related activities

4 Since 2015, when the Secretariat introduced the concept of providing assistance to Member States in the formulation of NMTPs and initiated related action through, inter alia, the delivery of related training events, a total of 14 national and regional workshops and seminars have taken place worldwide. Furthermore, three seminars on maritime transport policy were delivered to the students pursuing post-graduate studies at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI). During 2018, a total of four national workshops were delivered in the Philippines (March 2018), Kenya (May 2018), Myanmar (October 2018) and Mexico (November 2018). Another four national workshops are planned to take place in 2019 in Ghana (March 2019), Saint Kitts and Nevis (May 2019), Chile (October 2019) and Madagascar (dates to be determined). In addition, the Secretariat will continue with the delivery of seminars at IMLI and, at the end of 2019, will start delivering the same seminar to students at WMU. Interested Member States wishing to benefit from such training should submit a written request to the Director of the Technical Cooperation Division, at the earliest, for planning purposes.

5 NMTPs strengthen maritime capacities and contribute to the achievements of the SDGs. In tandem with the Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs), they could facilitate the inclusion of the maritime sector in national development plans when formulating the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs) at the country level. Member States are thus encouraged to embark on the formulation and adoption of NMTPs with a view to managing and developing the maritime sector in a sustainable manner.

Looking ahead

6 In 2020, the Secretariat intends to revise the NMTP training package, which has been in use for the last four years, taking into account new developments, the experience acquired and the lessons learnt from the workshops and seminars delivered thus far, and the feedback received from the participants. It is expected that an updated training package will contribute to a better and more targeted delivery of those activities and therefore assist the beneficiaries and recipient countries with the preparation, adoption and implementation of maritime transport policies.

Action requested of the Committee

7 The Committee is invited to consider the information provided in this document and to comment as it may deem appropriate.
