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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA; REPORT ON CREDENTIALS

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the Secretariat*

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on actions the Committee will be invited to take in relation to items on its agenda for the eighty-seventh session
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	-
<i>High-level action:</i>	-
<i>Planned output:</i>	-
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	As explained under each agenda item
<i>Related documents:</i>	Reports of sub-committees and other documents as specified in the text

1 Adoption of the agenda; report on credentials

MSC 87/1	Secretariat
MSC 87/1/1	Secretariat
MSC 87/1/2**	Secretariat

1.1 The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (MSC 87/1). A provisional timetable intended to serve as a guide for the conduct of the session, indicating also the working, drafting and expert groups which are expected to be established at the session, will be issued as document MSC 87/1/2. **It is the intention of the Chairman that, irrespective of progress made on the day(s) before, the Committee should start work on 14 and 17 May 2010 by considering the reports of the sub-committees programmed for those days.**

* Documents should be received by the Secretariat by 9 February 2010 (documents proposing new work programme items and bulky documents, including information documents in hard copy only); by 9 March 2010 (non-bulky documents and bulky information documents in electronic format); and by 23 March 2010 (documents of no more than 4 pages commenting on those received by 9 February 2010).

** To be issued in due course.

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1.2 Agenda item 3 (Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments) will be taken up by expanded sessions of the Committee in which States, that are not IMO Members but are Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention are also invited to participate. A drafting group is expected to be established to finalize the text of the amendments to the Convention.

1.3 Member Governments, Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention, wishing to participate should arrange for the submission of the credentials of their representatives not later than the opening of the session. The Secretary-General will report on the credentials during the session.

2 Decisions of other IMO bodies

MSC 87/2*	Secretariat
MSC 87/2/1*	Secretariat
MSC 87/2/2* and Add.1*	Secretariat
MSC 87/2/3*	Secretariat
MSC 87/2/4*	Secretariat

The Committee will be informed of any safety- and security-related decisions of:

- .1 the fifty-ninth session of the Technical Co-operation Committee (MSC 87/2);
- .2 the one hundred and second regular and twenty-fifth extraordinary sessions of the Council (MSC 87/2/1);
- .3 the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MSC 87/2/2 and Add.1);
- .4 the ninety-sixth session of the Legal Committee (MSC 87/2/3); and
- .5 the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly (MSC 87/2/4),

and will be invited to take action as appropriate.

3 Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments

Amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention

(All Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention are invited to participate)

MSC 87/3	Secretariat
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3.1 The expanded Committee will be invited to consider, for adoption, draft amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended. The aforementioned proposed amendments, approved by MSC 86, are contained in annexes 1 and 2 to document MSC 87/3. They have been circulated, in accordance with article VIII of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, by circular letter No.2978 of 17 July 2009 (annexes 1 and 2).

* To be issued in due course.

Amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code)

(All Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention are invited to participate)

MSC 87/3

Secretariat

3.2 The expanded Committee will be invited to consider, for adoption, draft amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code). The proposed amendments, approved by MSC 86, are contained in annex 3 to document MSC 87/3 and have been circulated, in accordance with article VIII of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, by circular letter No.2978 of 17 July 2009 (annex 3).

Amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code)

(All Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention are invited to participate)

MSC 87/3

Secretariat

3.3 The expanded Committee will be invited to consider, for adoption, draft amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code). The proposed amendments, approved by MSC 86, are contained in annex 4 to document MSC 87/3 and have been circulated, in accordance with article VIII of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, by circular letter No.2978 of 17 July 2009 (annex 4).

Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code

(All Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention are invited to participate)

MSC 87/3/1*

Secretariat

3.4 The expanded Committee will be invited to consider for adoption, draft amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code. The proposed amendments have been prepared and agreed by DSC 14 and will be, in due course, circulated by means of a circular letter in accordance with the procedure established by MSC 75 (MSC 75/24, paragraph 7.36.3) and article VIII of the 1974 SOLAS Convention; and issued under the symbol MSC 87/3/1.

Standards to be mandatory under the 1974 SOLAS Convention

MSC 87/3/2

Secretariat

3.5 The Committee will be invited to consider, for adoption, the draft International Goal-based Ship Construction Standards for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers. The draft Standards approved by MSC 86 are contained in document MSC 87/3/2.

Amendments to non-mandatory instruments

MSC 87/3/3*

Secretariat

3.6 The Committee will be invited to consider, for adoption, draft amendments to the Revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances (resolution MSC.81(70)), in conjunction with the adoption of the associated draft amendments to the LSA Code, referred to in paragraph 3.3.

* To be issued in due course.

Proposed consequential amendments to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol

MSC 87/3/4*

Secretariat

3.7 The Committee will be invited to consider, for approval with a view to the subsequent adoption, draft amendments to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, prepared by the Secretariat in pursuance of the MSC 83's request, consequential to the amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention, adopted by resolution MSC.216(82), relating to alternative design and arrangements.

4 Measures to enhance maritime security

MSC 87/4*

Secretariat

The Committee will be invited to consider:

- .1 the results of the experience gained by SOLAS Contracting Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations with consultative status from the use of MSC.1/Circ.1192, MSC.1/Circ.1193 and MSC.1/Circ.1194, for further consideration of action to be taken;
- .2 the results of the experience gained when handling defects, deficiencies and non-conformities identified during verifications of compliance with the provisions of SOLAS chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code and when resolving conflicts between safety and security, for further consideration of action to be taken;
- .3 issues which needed to be resolved in relation to the implementation of the provisions of SOLAS chapter XI-2 and of the ISPS Code, taking into account, when doing so, the guidance which had been issued since MSC 77, for further consideration of action to be taken; and
- .4 cases where SOLAS Contracting Governments considered that the provisions of SOLAS regulation XI-1/5 and resolutions A.959(23) and MSC.198(80) had not been observed with a view to deciding what actions needed to be taken,

and other submissions made under this agenda item and may establish, as decided at MSC 86, a Working Group on Maritime Security to advise on relevant matters.

5 Goal-based new ship construction standards

MSC 87/5

Secretariat

MSC 87/5/1

Secretariat

The Committee will be invited to consider:

- .1 a consolidated version of the Generic Guidelines for developing [IMO] goal-based standards (MSC 87/5);

* To be issued in due course.

- .2 draft Guidelines for verification of conformity with goal-based ship construction standards for bulk carriers and oil tankers (MSC 87/5/1), with a view to adoption in conjunction with the adoption of the SOLAS amendments referred to in paragraph 3.1 and the Standards referred to in paragraph 3.5; and
- .3 any documents submitted by Member Governments and international organizations, as requested by MSC 86, on relevant proposals on how to proceed with the work on the item,

and to establish, as decided at MSC 86, a Working Group on Goal-based Standards to prepare any consequential changes to the draft Verification Guidelines, as appropriate; to finalize the draft MSC circular on Guidelines for the information to be included in a Ship Construction File; and to advise the Committee on relevant matters.

6 LRIT-related matters

MSC 87/6*	Secretariat
MSC 87/6/1**	<i>Ad Hoc</i> LRIT Group

The Committee will be invited to consider:

- .1 developments in relation to the completion of the establishment and operation of the LRIT system since MSC 86 (MSC 87/6);
- .2 the report of the *Ad Hoc* LRIT Group under the terms of reference approved by MSC 86 (MSC 87/6/1) in case the group is convened;
- .3 proposals submitted by SOLAS Contracting Governments to the LRIT Coordinator and reports of LRIT Coordinator on the evaluation of the management, operational, technical and financial aspects of proposals received for the operation of the International LRIT Data Exchange after 31 December 2011; and
- .4 any relevant submissions regarding LRIT-related issues by SOLAS Contracting Governments and international organizations,

and to establish, as decided at MSC 86, a Working Group on LRIT-related matters to advise the Committee on relevant matters.

7 Ship design and equipment

MSC 87/7 and Add.1*	Secretariat
DE 52/21	Sub-Committee
DE 53/21*	Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider matters emanating from the fifty-second session of the Sub-Committee not considered by MSC 86 and urgent matters emanating from the fifty-third session and take action as indicated in paragraph 2 of documents MSC 87/7 and Add.1. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee’s work programme will be taken under agenda item 24.

* To be issued in due course.
 ** In case the group is convened.

8 Flag State implementation

MSC 87/8*	Secretariat
FSI 17/20	Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider matters emanating from the seventeenth session of the Sub-Committee not considered by MSC 86 and take action as indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 87/8. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 24.

9 Safety of navigation

MSC 87/9	Secretariat
NAV 55/21	Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider the report of the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee and take action as indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 87/9. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 24.

10 Dangerous goods, solid cargoes and containers

MSC 87/10*	Secretariat
DSC 14/21*	Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider the report of the fourteenth session of the Sub-Committee and take action as indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 87/10. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 24.

11 Training and watchkeeping

MSC 87/11*	Secretariat
MSC 87/11/1*	Secretariat
STW 41/16*	Sub-Committee

11.1 The Committee will be invited to consider matters emanating from the forty-first session of the Sub-Committee and take action as indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 87/11. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 24.

11.2 The Committee is also expected to receive the Secretary-General's report called for by STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 2, on those STCW Parties whose evaluations have been completed; and will be invited to identify Parties found to be giving full and complete effect to the provisions of the revised Convention; and to take appropriate action. The Committee will further receive the Secretary-General's report for the STCW Parties who have communicated their report of independent evaluation pursuant to STCW regulation I/8, paragraph 3, and will be invited to take appropriate action.

11.3 The Committee will be further invited to consider, for approval, any new competent persons nominated by Governments (MSC 87/11/1) and take appropriate action.

* To be issued in due course.

17 Role of the human element

The Committee will be invited to consider any relevant submissions by Governments and international organizations, regarding human element-related issues.

18 Formal safety assessment

MSC 87/18*	Chairman of the FSA Experts Group
MSC 87/18/1	Denmark
MSC 87/INF.2	Denmark

The Committee will be invited to consider:

- .1 the report of the FSA Experts Group (MSC 87/18); and
- .2 any submissions made by Member Governments and international organizations under this agenda item,

and to take action as deemed appropriate.

19 Piracy and armed robbery against ships

MSC 87/19*	Secretariat
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The Committee will be invited to consider:

- .1 reports (MSC 87/19) on acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships reported to the Organization since the Committee's eighty-sixth session, together with a regional analysis and such other relevant information as may be provided, including information on action taken by coastal States;
- .2 developments in relation to piracy and armed robbery against ships since MSC 86;
- .3 developments, if any, concerning technical assistance provided to countries under the Organization's anti-piracy project; and
- .4 any submissions made by Member Governments and international organizations under this agenda item,

and to take action as appropriate.

* To be issued in due course.

20 General cargo ship safety

MSC 87/20*

Secretariat

The Committee will be invited to consider:

- .1 the update on the IACS FSA study;
- .2 further information and relevant proposals regarding access to casualty databases; and
- .3 any submissions made by Member Governments and international organizations under this agenda item,

and to take action as appropriate.

21 Implementation of instruments and related matters

MSC 87/21*

Secretariat

The Committee will be invited to consider the proposal on the way forward (MSC 87/21) with regard to matters relating to the list of codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety- and security-related instruments, prepared by the Secretariat, in pursuance of the MSC 86's request, taking into consideration procedural aspects and associated resource implications, so that the list can be revised taking into account the outcome of the consideration of relevant extracts by all the sub-committees and be updated, while making the list available to IMO Members by means of a circular issued on an annual basis.

22 Relations with other organizations

MSC 87/22*

Secretariat

The Committee will be informed of:

- .1 decisions taken by the Council at its one hundred and second regular and twenty-fifth extraordinary sessions relating to applications for granting consultative status to interested international non-governmental organizations (MSC 87/22); and
- .2 matters of significance concerning relations with other organizations, which are relevant to the work of the Committee.

23 Application of the Committee's Guidelines

MSC 87/23*

Secretariat

The Committee will be invited to consider any relevant submissions by Member Governments made under this agenda item, and take appropriate action.

* To be issued in due course.

