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1 GENERAL

Introduction

1.1 The Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC) held its sixty-ninth session from 25 to 27 June 2019, chaired by Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia). The Vice-Chair of the Committee, H.E. Mr. Laurent Parenté (Vanuatu), was also present.

1.2 The session was attended by delegations from Members and Associate Members; by representatives from United Nations Programmes, specialized agencies and other entities; by observers from intergovernmental organizations with agreements of cooperation and by observers from non-governmental organizations in consultative status; as listed in document TC 69/INF.1.

1.3 The session was also attended by the Chair of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC), Ms. Mary Anne Adams (Marshall Islands) and the Chair of the Governing Bodies of the London Convention and Protocol, Mrs. Azara Prempeh (Ghana).

Two events commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of IMLI and the launch of the WMU-Koji Sekimizu PhD fellowship on Maritime Governance funded by Singapore were held on the margins of the Committee's session. The thirtieth anniversary IMLI event was attended by, inter alia, Dr. Joseph Muscat, the Prime Minister of Malta.

Opening address of the Secretary-General

1.4 The Secretary-General welcomed participants and delivered his opening address, the full text of which can be downloaded from the IMO website through the following link: <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/SecretaryGeneral/SecretaryGeneralsSpeechesToMeetings/Page/Default.aspx>

Address by the Minister of Transport of Malaysia

1.5 Mr. Anthony Loke Siek Fook, Minister of Transport of Malaysia, made a statement highlighting, inter alia, Malaysia's commitment to the IMO Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP). The statement is included in annex 1.

Voting for the elections during TC 69

1.6 The Committee was informed by the Director of the Legal Affairs and External Relations Division on the procedure for the elections of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Technical Cooperation Committee.

Adoption of the agenda

1.7 The Committee adopted the agenda (TC 69/1) and agreed to be guided in its work, in general, by the annotations contained in document TC 69/1/1.

Address by the Mayor/Chair of Malmö City Council

1.8 It may be recalled that, since the World Maritime University was established in 1983, the City of Malmö has continued to support the University by providing the hostship facilities free of cost to the Organization.

1.9 Prior to considering agenda item 11 on Global maritime training institutions, the Committee was addressed by Ms. Carina Nilsson, the Mayor/Chair of Malmö City Council, in response to the invitation of the Secretary-General. The statement is included in annex 2.

2 WORK OF OTHER BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

2.1 The Committee noted the information provided in documents TC 69/2 and TC 69/2/Add.1 (Secretariat) in connection with the technical cooperation-related outcomes of the meetings of other IMO bodies which had met since June 2018, namely the 120th and 121st sessions of Council, the forty-second and forty-third sessions of the Facilitation Committee (FAL), the 106th session of the Legal Committee (LEG), the seventy-third and seventy-fourth sessions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), the 100th session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) and the fortieth Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties to the London Convention (LC)/thirteenth Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol (LP).

2.2 One delegation, supported by a number of other delegations, requested the Committee to endorse the decision of LEG 106 to invite the Council to consider initiating a programme to develop official versions of the consolidated texts of all IMO conventions to assist Member States in their ratification of IMO conventions and implementation into domestic legislation.

2.3 The Secretariat pointed out that the potential impact of developing official versions of the consolidated texts of all IMO conventions, particularly on the revenue of IMO's Trading Fund which is the primary source of the Technical Cooperation Fund (TC Fund), had first to be considered. In this regard, the Secretariat proposed to conduct a study to assess the potential impact of such an initiative.

2.4 The Committee noted the proposal for an impact assessment study and instructed the Secretariat to carry out the study and report the outcome to its next session. The Committee further decided to invite the Council to consider the matter, including its potential impact on the TC Fund allocation.

2.5 The observer delegation of Comité Maritime International (CMI) offered CMI's assistance to IMO in the provision of technical assistance related to the drafting of maritime legislation transposing IMO instruments and other maritime treaties.

2.6 The observer delegation of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO), with reference to the decision of the IMSO Assembly held in October 2018, informed the Committee that IMSO was ready to cooperate with IMO, with a view to providing technical assistance in the field of marine communications related to safety and security.

3 INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

(a) Annual report for 2018

3.1 The Committee had before it three documents and one information paper relating to the ITCP Annual Report for 2018. Document TC 69/3(a) (Secretariat) provided, in annex 1, a summary of the achievements and outputs of the activities implemented under the regional and global programmes; and document TC 69/3(a)/Add.1 (Secretariat) provided, in annex 2, an overview of financial resource delivery of ITCP through the presentation of expenditure analyses. Document TC 69/3(a)/1 (Secretariat) provided information on the statistical data on the technical cooperation consultants engaged through ITCP during 2018. Information paper TC 69/INF.5 provided information on the activities developed by the national maritime authority

of Mexico during 2017 and 2018 in its capacity as the General Secretariat of Red Operativa de Cooperación Regional de Autoridades Marítimas de las Américas (ROCRAM – Operative Network for Regional Cooperation among Maritime Authorities of the Americas).

3.2 The Committee was informed that the results of ITCP implementation showed that 196 activities were delivered during 2018. This number included, inter alia, the implementation of 13 advisory and needs assessment missions and 123 training courses, seminars and workshops held at the national, regional and global levels. These training events covered an extensive range of maritime topics and resulted in the training of approximately 3,198 persons worldwide in 2018. In addition, another 76 fellows completed fellowships in the maritime field, including 36 fellowships at the World Maritime University (WMU) and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI). Another 561 officials attended events aimed at developing and harmonizing regional strategies on maritime technical matters.

3.3 The Committee was also informed that the total expenditure on technical cooperation activities in 2018 reached \$13.5 million, representing a delivery rate of 83% of the resources programmed for that year. The profile of resource disbursement featured 23 sources of funding, with the TC Fund being the most significant at \$7.3 million, representing 54% of the overall total funds expended.

3.4 The Committee was further informed of the value of the non-financial contributions to the overall success in the delivery of ITCP activities, which should not be underestimated.

3.5 The delegations who spoke thanked the Secretariat for the detailed and informative Annual Report for 2018, emphasizing the importance of ITCP for their respective countries and regions. Many delegations provided details of specific training activities delivered during 2018 in their countries, while others made requests for additional technical assistance. One delegation welcomed the inclusion, for the first time, of data on the gender of trainees in IMO's training activities. This delegation suggested that this information also be included in the regional statistics under each region in future annual reports, as well as including the number of trainees at regional and national levels under the regional statistics.

3.6 Another delegation referred to the report of TC 68 and requested that analysis of the non-delivery of activities be included in future annual reports for the purpose of improving the delivery rate. The Secretariat responded that activities were postponed or cancelled for a variety of reasons, including at the request of the host country or due to security advice by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS). At the request of a number of Member States, the Secretariat did not report the reasons for postponing or cancelling those activities.

3.7 One delegation, supported by another delegation, queried the low expenditure on activities related to maritime legislation in the Pacific region, noting that this type of technical assistance was of vital importance to ensure the implementation of IMO instruments. The Secretariat responded that all maritime legislation activities were needs-based, and that all requests received had been responded to, whilst noting that the process of transmitting draft legislation through the national parliament could take years, meaning that the results of the technical assistance were not immediately visible.

3.8 Two delegations spoke in favour of expanding the network of Global Maritime Technology Cooperation Centres (MTCC) to include a centre in the Western Asia and Eastern Europe region. The observer delegation of the European Commission (EC) replied that EC would consult on and reply to this request.

3.9 The Secretariat informed the Committee that it would take all suggestions for improvements to future annual reports into consideration and thanked all delegates for their feedback and support.

3.10 The Committee noted the information provided in the ITCP Annual Report for 2018 (documents TC 69/3(a) and TC 69/3(a)/Add.1 (Secretariat)) and expressed its gratitude to all donors for their cash contributions to the bi- and multi-lateral technical cooperation trust funds and to other Member States and partners for their in-kind support that facilitated the implementation of ITCP activities.

3.11 The Committee also noted the information paper submitted by Mexico on the activities developed by the national maritime authority of Mexico during 2017 and 2018 in its capacity as the General Secretariat of ROCRAM.

3.12 The Committee further noted that the ITCP Annual Report for 2018 would be placed on the Technical Cooperation section of the IMO website, and that it would also be produced as a publication, as was done for the first time for the 2017 Report, with a view to enhancing and highlighting the promotion of IMO's work in the field of technical cooperation.

Results of the statistical data on the technical cooperation consultants engaged through ITCP during 2018

3.13 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 69/3(a)/1 on the technical cooperation consultants engaged through ITCP during 2018, recruited both from the IMO headquarters and via partnership arrangements with regional bodies and programmes, and thanked all parties for their collaboration.

(b) Programme for 2020 and 2021

3.14 The Committee considered the proposed ITCP for 2020 and 2021 set out in document TC 69/3(b) (Secretariat). The Committee noted that in the preparation of the programme, the capacity-building needs of Member States, particularly small island developing States (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs), resulting from amendments to existing IMO treaties together with the development of new instruments, had been taken into consideration.

3.15 The Committee further noted that for its preparation, several elements and priority areas had been taken into account, namely recommendations of previous IMO missions and outcome of evaluations from technical assistance activities; requests for technical assistance from Member States; the *Strategic plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018 to 2023* (resolution A.1110(30)); the *Linkages between the technical assistance work of IMO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (resolution A.1126(30)); the *Guiding principles of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (resolution A.1127(30)); the Recommendations of the 2016 Impact Assessment Exercise (IAE) of ITCP for 2012-2015; the support for Member States to facilitate their achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda); regional and subregional strategies for the development of maritime domain (adopted at conferences, symposia, etc. as resolutions, declarations, etc.); analysis of Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs) and IMO Member State Audit Scheme audits, where applicable; and the preliminary assessment of the capacity-building implications and technical assistance needs related to the amendments to mandatory instruments or development of any new instruments.

3.16 The Committee was informed that a new global programme dedicated to Maritime Development and the Blue Economy had been created. This programme incorporated and consolidated former global programmes including, inter alia, the programmes on the response to the 2030 Agenda, the implementation of the technical cooperation aspects of IMO's Strategic Plan 2018-2023, partnerships and emerging issues, as well as tailored assistance to Member States in support of reduction of atmospheric emissions from ships and in ports, and the effective implementation of IMO's Strategy on reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from ships.

3.17 The Committee was further informed that although the thematic priorities approved by MSC 101 were in substance the same as those included in document TC 69/3(b), there were some differences in wording and numerical sequence. The Committee requested the Secretariat to make the necessary consequential amendments in order to reflect the MSC 101 wording in the proposed ITCP for 2020-2021 accordingly.

3.18 Whilst referring to the outcomes of the IMSAS audits, one delegation, supported by another delegation, pointed out that, in future, IMO might wish to reformulate its technical assistance to Member States to be more country specific and embrace policy, legal and institutional reforms in beneficiary countries with a view to ensuring sustained effective implementation of IMO treaties. This delegation also highlighted the outcome of FAL 43 related to a new output on "Guidance to address maritime corruption" and requested that this be taken into consideration in ITCP. Another delegation requested clarification on the provision of technical assistance on maritime security in Africa.

3.19 The Secretariat thanked delegations for their comments and suggestions and noted that they would take those comments into consideration when programming technical assistance during the 2020-2021 biennium. With regard to assistance on maritime security, the Secretariat informed the Committee that it would continue to provide technical assistance through the global programme on enhancement of maritime security and that every effort would be made to respond to requests for assistance after IMSAS audits.

3.20 In conclusion, the Committee approved the proposed ITCP for 2020 and 2021 as set out in document TC 69/3(b) (Secretariat), including the core activities planned under regional and global programmes, subject to adequate funding estimated at some \$24.1 million.

3.21 The Committee noted that the funding for the entire ITCP was subject to the available resources under the TC Fund for the following biennium and to the Secretariat's efforts to secure external donor contributions in the form of financial or in-kind resources. In this regard, Member States and shipping industry stakeholders were urged to make financial and/or in-kind contributions towards the resources which were needed for the delivery of the proposed programme.

3.22 The Committee noted the request from the delegation of Australia as presented in document TC 69/3(b)/1 to consider including support for the participation of Pacific Island countries and territories at future regional Pacific Search and Rescue (PACSAR) workshops in ITCP, which was supported by an observer delegation. The Secretariat informed the Committee that support for the participation of Pacific Island countries and territories at PACSAR would be included in the Programme Implementation Document (PID) for 2020-2021.

(c) Technical Cooperation Fund Allocation for 2020 and 2021

3.23 The Committee considered document TC 69/3(c) (Secretariat) on the TC Fund allocation for 2020 and 2021, setting out the proposals for the annual allocations from the TC Fund to support the delivery of ITCP for 2020 and 2021. In this respect, the Committee was advised that the Secretary-General had recommended the allocation of £10.8 million from the surplus of the Trading Fund to the TC Fund to support the core activities of ITCP for 2020 and 2021, on the basis of the current expenditure pattern and trend, and also taking into account the reserves of the Fund.

3.24 The Committee was informed that, while the TC Fund was managed in pounds sterling within the Organization's budgetary structure, its expenditure against ITCP was recorded in US dollars, in compliance with technical cooperation budgeting and expenditure practices. Based on the rate of exchange of \$1.35 to £1, the TC Fund allocation amounted to \$14.6 million, which was 12.3% more than the allocation of \$13 million for the 2018-2019 biennium, bearing in mind that the rate used for the 2018-2019 biennium was \$1.3 to £1.

3.25 The Committee was informed, however, that an exchange rate of \$1.32 to £1 had been used in the Organization's results-based budget for 2020-2021 (document C 122/5) and that depending on the eventual final decisions of the Council and the Assembly in relation to the allocation of the TC Fund and the prevailing exchange rates when the funds would be released and converted into US dollars, the Secretariat would make the necessary adjustments and inform the Committee accordingly at its next session. Based on the current expenditure pattern and trend and the exchange rate used in document TC 69/3(c), the proposal envisaged an annual allocation of \$7,028,100 for 2020 and \$7,526,250 for 2021.

3.26 The Committee was informed that the TC Fund allocation was configured based on certain prioritization criteria under the respective regional and global programmes, taking into consideration emerging needs of Member States regarding technical assistance and other priorities, such as the 2030 Agenda.

3.27 The Committee was further informed that the overall allocation of \$14.6 million would cover 60% of the total ITCP requirement, and that the Secretariat would engage with donors and other technical cooperation partners in accordance with the Long-term Resource Mobilization Strategy and resolution A.1128(30) on *Financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme* in order to mobilize and secure additional resources for some of the remaining ITCP activities for 2020 and 2021.

3.28 Many delegations intervened to express their support for the TC Fund allocation for 2020-2021 and thanked the Secretariat for preparing a detailed and clear document.

3.29 One delegation, supported by many other delegations, requested that the Tokyo MoU General Training Course for Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) be included in the TC Fund allocation under the global programme for Maritime Development and the Blue Economy. The Secretariat informed the Committee that support for the above-mentioned training course, which had been included in ITCP for 2020-2021, would be secured through a re-allocation from the TC Fund and included in the core activities as listed in document TC 69/3(c).

3.30 Responding to a query from one delegation, the Secretariat further informed the Committee that a provision of technical assistance related to domestic ferry safety, taking into consideration the deliberations at MSC 101, would be included in ITCP for 2020-2021 utilizing the extrabudgetary funds raised to date and the generous donations that might be made by Member States during the 2020-2021 biennium.

3.31 It was generally acknowledged that the proposals for the 2020 and 2021 programmes provided an appropriate level of funding support for the implementation of the TC activities, bearing in mind the impact that exchange rate fluctuations might have. The Secretariat thanked delegations for their positive comments and suggestions.

3.32 The Committee:

- .1 noted the proposed allocation of £10.8 million from the surplus of the Trading Fund to the TC Fund during the 2020-2021 biennium;
- .2 approved the allocation and use of £5,206,000 (equivalent¹ to \$7,028,100) and £5,575,000 (equivalent¹ to \$7,526,250) for the delivery of ITCP during 2020 and 2021, respectively, subject to any adjustments which the Secretariat might have to make, on which it would eventually report to the Committee at its next session, as a result of:
 - .1 the final decisions of the Council and the Assembly as to the amount which would be allocated to the TC Fund; and
 - .2 the exchange rate between the pound and the dollar at the time when the funds were released and converted into US dollars; and
- .3 requested the Secretariat to inform, to this end, the 122nd regular session of the Council.

(d) Amendments to the Rules of Operation of the Technical Cooperation Fund

3.33 The Committee considered document TC 69/3(d) (Secretariat) containing draft proposed amendments to the Rules of Operation of the TC Fund which became necessary in order to align the Rules of Operation with the *Strategic plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018 to 2023* (A.1110(30)) and the *Guiding principles of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (A.1127(30)).

3.34 One delegation suggested a minor amendment in the wording in paragraph 2 to retain the wording "technical cooperation policies", which was accepted by the Committee.

3.35 The Committee approved the draft Revised Rules of Operation of the TC Fund and requested that the approved draft (annex 3) be submitted to the 122nd regular session of the Council for consideration and approval.

4 RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

(a) Implementation of the Long-term Resource Mobilization Strategy

4.1 In considering document TC 69/4(a) (Secretariat) giving a report on activities carried out for the implementation of the Long-term Resource Mobilization Strategy (the Strategy) since its approval by TC 68, and an associated presentation by the Secretariat, the Committee:

- .1 noted the efforts of the Secretariat to seek resources for longer-term, larger-sized and project-based activities while continuing with the current ITCP;

¹ Using the exchange rate of £1 equal to \$1.35.

- .2 noted that these efforts were based on the knowledge partnership model suggested in the strategy as well as IMO's current practices for major marine environment and maritime security-related projects;
- .3 noted also that the lessons identified in the implementation of the strategy included the need for a more structured and established approach, shared between the Secretariat, Member States and potential donors and recipients; and
- .4 noted further that the longer-term actions to ensure the effectiveness of the mechanism included:
 - .1 knowledge partnership conferences;
 - .2 production of marketing materials;
 - .3 donor/recipient workshops;
 - .4 formulation of project proposals;
 - .5 knowledge partnership dialogues;
 - .6 development of a template for agreements/memoranda of understanding for knowledge partnerships; and
 - .7 creation of a database necessary for knowledge partnerships.

4.2 The delegation of China informed the Committee that their Ministry of Transport was in the process of registering IMO as an implementing agency of the China International Development Cooperation Agency's South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund, which had an accumulated fund amounting to \$3 billion for development cooperation projects.

4.3 Many delegations expressed their gratitude to the Republic of Korea for supporting and hosting the First donor/recipient workshop on maritime technical cooperation activities for the Asia region, held in November 2018. The workshop provided a platform not only for donors and recipients but also for maritime administrations and development cooperation agencies to share information and ideas, and provided IMO with an opportunity to accumulate valuable information which could be useful for the implementation of the Strategy in future. Delegations also thanked the Republic of Korea for its support of the IMO/European Bank for Reconstruction and Development technical visit to Busan and Seoul.

4.4 The Committee expressed its thanks to all donors and partners who had supported the implementation of the Strategy and encouraged Member States' active participation in future implementation.

4.5 There was general support for document TC 69/4(a). Several delegations who took the floor welcomed and appreciated the progress made so far, agreed with the findings and lessons learnt and indicated their full support for the suggested future action. Other delegations highlighted the importance of assessing the impact on the Secretariat's resources of implementing the strategy.

4.6 The delegation of Thailand, supported by other delegations, requested that WMU and IMLI be engaged as key stakeholders in the implementation of the Strategy and highlighted the need for the latter to be aligned with the Organization's Strategic Plan.

4.7 In summarizing the discussion, the Secretary-General noted that use could be made of a number of vectors for messaging to seek additional funding including the use of the IMO website, GISIS, engagement with industry, and high-profile events. The Secretary-General recognized that IMO technical cooperation activities to help Member States under ITCP were based on the Organization's strategic directions, but there were concerns about the sustainability of funding. However, there was scope to continue to increase the number of specific projects outside ITCP and the number of projects delivered by other divisions, WMU and IMLI, which played a valuable role. An overall picture of the Organization's technical cooperation activities was needed in order to maximize efficiency, given the constraints in staffing, and to develop a strategy to deliver technical cooperation activities more holistically.

4.8 The Committee took note of the information provided in document TC 69/4(a).

(b) Analysis of the viability of introducing an access fee to GISIS data

4.9 Recalling that TC 68 had requested the Secretariat to investigate the practices of other United Nations agencies with respect to the commercialization of data they produced, the Committee considered document TC 69/4(b) (Secretariat) on Analysis of the viability of introducing an access fee to GISIS data.

4.10 The Committee noted that, pursuant to this request, the Secretariat had contacted some United Nations specialized agencies, funds, programmes, offices and other entities, as listed in the annex to document TC 69/4(b). The Secretariat had established that although the majority of these organizations sold publications, they did not charge for access to information on their databases.

4.11 The Committee also noted that the exceptions were the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), both of which had databases that were commercialized. However, when requested, both WIPO and ICAO had informed the Secretariat that they did not share specific sales information concerning their electronic products. WIPO had stated that their databases were not-for-profit, with a small number of paying subscribers and marginal prices set to recover their costs while ICAO offered a variety of one-year single user app subscriptions with current prices ranging from \$1,050 to \$7,900.

4.12 Although a number of delegations proposed shelving the project for the time being and expressed concerns regarding its viability, the passing on of costs to consumers and the need for further consideration of the business case for charging for access to GISIS information, the Committee agreed, prior to taking any decisions on applying an access fee for GISIS data, to:

- .1 consider the current legal issues surrounding the ownership and accuracy of the data in GISIS as well as Member States' concerns about privacy and sensitivity of data; and
- .2 await the outcome of the Review of IMO Data and Knowledge Management and the development of an IMO Framework, which were currently in progress.

(c) Partnership arrangements

4.13 The Committee considered document TC 69/4(c) (Secretariat), which provided a status report on the delivery of technical assistance through partnerships and on the implementation of Assembly resolution A.1128(30) on *Financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme*.

4.14 The Committee noted that, as at 25 June 2019, 75 partnerships were in operation: 18 of these were financial; 37 in-kind, consisting of cash supplements, no-fee experts or free of cost experts and hosting of technical assistance events; 4 relating to the IMO Regional Presence; 3 on the establishment of activity/response centres; and 13 on the delegation of TC implementation responsibilities.

4.15 The Committee also noted that since TC 68, 7 new partnership arrangements had been established, of which 5 were financial arrangements totalling \$989,380. Six arrangements had expired.

4.16 One delegation highlighted that there had been no technical assistance activities delivered through partnerships in Western Asia and Eastern Europe (WAEЕ) in the period reported and requested that technical activities be carried out through partnerships in the future. The Committee noted that a range of technical assistance activities had been delivered in WAEЕ through ITCP as reported in document TC 69/3(a).

4.17 A number of delegations commended the work of the Secretariat in the implementation of Assembly resolution A.1128(30) and encouraged all Member States to strengthen their partnership arrangements with IMO in line with the provisions of this resolution.

4.18 The Committee was informed that the outcomes achieved through partnership arrangements contributed substantially to the effective delivery of ITCP activities. The Committee also noted that the Secretariat would continue its efforts to identify and conclude new arrangements with governments, international and regional organizations, and industry, with a view to securing further funding and obtaining in-kind support to promote regional implementation of ITCP.

4.19 The Committee noted the information provided in documents TC 69/4(c) (Secretariat), TC 69/INF.2 (China) on technical cooperation activities conducted in China in 2018, and document TC 69/INF.7 (SPC) on safe, green, efficient and accessible domestic shipping in the Pacific Islands region.

4.20 The Committee expressed its appreciation to all technical cooperation partners for their financial contributions to and in-kind support for the effective implementation of ITCP.

(d) Financial contributions to the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme

4.21 The Committee noted the information contained in document TC 69/4(d) (Secretariat) on the status of financial contributions received to support ITCP in 2018. The Committee also noted that, in order to better identify trends and improve long-term analysis of the financial contributions, the document would henceforth report on the contributions received in the previous calendar year, rather than on the contributions received in the period between different sessions of the Committee.

4.22 The Committee was informed that during the period 1 January to 31 December 2018, contributions made to the multi-donor trust funds (MDTFs) and through financial arrangements and cash contributions amounted to \$9,711,776. It was noted that this total was comprised of \$2,266,013 received under new financial arrangements, \$6,075,678 under existing partnership arrangements, \$1,206,220 through MDTFs and \$138,431 in cash contributions. Contributions amounting to \$25,434 were also received under the Organization's Contributions Incentive Scheme to support ITCP and World Maritime Day 2019 activities.

4.23 The delegation of Norway informed the Committee of the successful implementation of the maritime single window (MSW) project in Antigua and Barbuda. It further informed the Committee that in order to facilitate the implementation of the amendments to the annex of the FAL Convention adopted by FAL 40, and to encourage the establishment of MSW systems globally, Norway had made the generic source code available online. IMO Member States might wish to consider using the generic source code for the development of their national MSW system.

4.24 The Committee welcomed the following pledges announced during TC 69:

- .1 the delegation of Malaysia pledged \$10,000 for the GHG-TC Trust Fund;
- .2 the delegation of Egypt pledged £50,000 for ITCP, to support environmental protection in African ports;
- .3 the delegation of the Republic of Korea pledged \$500,000 for ITCP, which had been contributed annually since the signing of the RoK/IMO MoU in June 2003;
- .4 the delegation of the United Arab Emirates pledged \$50,000 for ITCP;
- .5 the delegation of Nigeria pledged \$50,000 for ITCP activities; and
- .6 the delegation of China pledged \$300,000 for ITCP activities.

4.25 The Committee expressed its appreciation to all donors that had made contributions to ITCP through various arrangements and encouraged Member States, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and industry to continue supporting ITCP activities, through any of the modalities of financial support, thus ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Programme.

5 LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR THE REVIEW AND REFORM OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION

5.1 The Committee considered the information provided in document TC 69/5 (Secretariat) on the status of the development of a long-term strategy for the review and reform of IMO technical cooperation, and, inter alia, the areas that would be taken into consideration to carry out the assignment and achieve the intended objectives.

5.2 The Committee was also informed that, following a competitive bid, three proposals had been received and those were under consideration by the Secretariat.

5.3 The delegations who took the floor supported the project on the long-term strategy for the review and reform of technical cooperation and concurred with the plans of the Secretariat to engage independent consultants to prepare the Strategy.

5.4 One delegation, supported by other delegations, expressed the view that an independent, transparent and detailed analysis of IMO technical cooperation and related strategies would be beneficial to both Member States and the Secretariat. The delegations also highlighted the advantages of seeking external expertise to undertake this assignment in order to provide an objective assessment of this important aspect of IMO work. The statement by Liberia is attached in annex 6.

5.5 The Committee noted the information contained in document TC 69/5.

6 THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

(a) Country Maritime Profile

6.1 The Committee recalled that, at its sixty-second session, it had agreed that the Secretariat should adopt a more targeted approach when planning technical cooperation activities thereby making such an approach more closely aligned to the real needs of developing countries and less reliant on the thematic priorities approved by MSC, MEPC, FAL and LEG.

6.2 The Committee also recalled that, during the seven previous sessions, it had observed that the CMP module could, inter alia, benefit from further improvements, particularly in the context of user-friendliness and fitness-for-purpose. The Committee further recalled that, at its sixty-eighth session, the Secretariat had apprised the Committee of the progress made in developing the new and restructured CMP module, following which the Committee, inter alia, had endorsed the overall approach taken by the Secretariat in reviewing and restructuring the CMP module in general and requested it to continue with the latter's development and report the progress made thereon to this session of the Committee.

6.3 The Secretariat informed the Committee on the progress made through document TC 69/6(a) by presenting the live CMP module, and highlighted that the exercise of review and restructuring of the CMP module had been completed one year and three months ahead of schedule using in-house resources and that the module had been launched on 1 March 2019 on a trial basis.

6.4 The Committee was informed that, in order to facilitate further analysis and preparation of documents, the reports could now be downloaded in Excel, Word and PDF, and not just in PDF.

6.5 The Committee appreciated the efforts of the Secretariat to develop the new user-friendly and fit-for-purpose CMP module. It also observed that the reviewed and restructured CMP module would assist in technical assistance needs' identification, management and governance and lessening of administrative burden, thereby strengthening strategic approaches to technical assistance and cooperation. In addition, the new module, through its innovative analytics tool, would identify the real technical assistance needs of countries and the Secretariat might, therefore, place less reliance on thematic priorities in the future.

6.6 The observer from IALA reiterated their organization's position to provide, in due course, the e-learning module on aids to navigation for placement in the CMP module to enhance training and capacity-building in Member States.

6.7 One delegation suggested that the Secretariat should consider making a presentation in one of the lunch or coffee breaks at C 122.

6.8 In conclusion, the Committee:

- .1 approved the revised and restructured CMP module;
- .2 noted that the existing CMP module had been replaced by the new CMP module;
- .3 invited countries and territories to review and update the relevant information within the new module other than the locked information sourced from reliable external sources;
- .4 invited countries and international organizations to submit to the Secretariat (cmp@imo.org) details of, and links to, the free online courses and/or materials relevant to the work of the Organization; and
- .5 authorized the Secretariat to keep the new revised and restructured module under review taking into account the evolving needs of the countries and those of the Secretariat, and to complete the pending elements on an incremental basis, so as to better assist the membership in improved technical assistance management and governance.

(b) Maritime transport policy development

6.9 The Committee considered document TC 69/6(b) (Secretariat) on the work undertaken by the Secretariat to enhance assistance to Member States in developing National Maritime Transport Policies (NMTPs) through, inter alia, the delivery of maritime transport policy-related activities based on the NMTP training package developed by WMU, in close cooperation with the Secretariat. The Committee was informed of the Secretariat's latest accomplishments with the production of two short videos promoting the importance and usefulness of NMTPs for a country's maritime, social and economic development, and its plan to revise the NMTP training package that had been in use for the previous four years. One of the short NMTP videos was screened for the Committee.

6.10 The Committee noted that the training package, which aimed at providing beneficiaries with the required knowledge and skills necessary to prepare, review and adopt maritime transport policies, was available in English, French and Spanish languages and a number of Member States had already benefited from or had requested delivery of NMTP workshops in those languages. It also noted that the recently produced NMTP videos complementing the training material were recently produced with subtitles in French and Spanish languages and were available to the membership, as outlined in IMO Circular Letters Nos.3930, 3930/Add.1 and 3930/Add.2.

6.11 Some delegations of Member States who had already benefited from the workshops expressed their appreciation for the work of IMO related to the development, adoption and updating of NMTPs, and commended the Secretariat on the effective delivery of the training. The screening of the video was also well received, and some delegations commented on its usefulness for raising awareness of the needs and benefits of an NMTP for a country's maritime, social and economic development.

6.12 One delegation that had benefited from the training and was in the process of developing a stand-alone NMTP stressed the need to assist countries in distinguishing between a National Transport Policy (NTP) and an NMTP, as whilst the latter could be a subset of the former, an NTP should not be a substitute for an NMTP. The delegation emphasized the importance of a holistic approach in maritime transport policy and encouraged countries to take advantage of the NMTP workshops to develop their own NMTPs.

6.13 Another delegation encouraged countries to initiate and lead the process for the development of an NMTP and related strategy in their respective countries, mentioning also the importance of sharing information to facilitate the development of an NMTP and taking into account relevant policy documents.

6.14 The Secretariat urged Member States to use the NMTP videos that were available to the membership in their endeavours to raise awareness of the significance of developing and adopting NMTPs.

6.15 The Committee noted the activities undertaken by the Secretariat to assist Member States in developing NMTPs and its accomplishments to further promote these activities.

(c) Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

6.16 The Committee had before it six documents related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Document TC 69/6(c) (Secretariat) provided an update on the Organization's efforts and initiatives developed within the framework of its ITCP aiming to support Member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the associated SDGs. Documents TC 69/6(c)/1 and TC 69/6(c)/2 (both submitted by Chile) referred to Chile's initiatives and recommendations in relation to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Document TC 69/6(c)/3 (The Pew Charitable Trusts) provided information on how the Cape Town Agreement could be used as a tool to support the achievement of multiple SDGs. Finally, information documents TC 69/INF.9 and TC 69/INF.10 (both submitted by Colombia) provided information on Colombia's efforts and initiatives contributing to the achievement of the SDGs, as well as the inclusion of maritime issues in Colombia's United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).

6.17 The Committee was informed of IMO's support to Member States for the achievement of the SDGs through a wide range of regional and global programmes as well as major projects including the GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships, the IMO-European Union GMN Project on Capacity-building for Climate Mitigation in the Maritime Shipping Industry and GEF-UNDP-IMO GloMEEP Project, as well as through other initiatives such as the Country Maritime Profiles. The Committee noted the role played by the IMO Regional Presence Offices with regard to the development of some countries' UNDAFs for 2018-2022. The Committee further noted the contribution of IMO's global programme "Support to the response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Blue Economy" to support the alignment of IMO's technical assistance work with the SDGs and the Blue Economy through the provision of assistance to Member States to enhance their abilities to reflect and embed the SDGs in their maritime activities with a view to facilitating the implementation of the SDGs at country level.

6.18 The Committee noted with appreciation the conclusions, recommendations and lessons learned drawn from the pilot IMO regional workshop on UNDAF, which was organized by IMO in collaboration with the Chilean Maritime Authority (DIRECTEMAR), and with the support of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG), the United Nations Development Group for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNDG LAC) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Given the positive outcome of the workshop, as

reflected in the interventions of many delegations who participated in this important event, the Committee considered this pilot project as a model for developing regional workshops on UNDAF processes, to be replicated in other regions, aiming at enhancing the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The Committee also noted that two regional workshops on UNDAF processes were scheduled to be held in Africa and Asia in 2019.

6.19 The Committee was also informed about the conclusions and recommendations drawn from Chile's experience on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In particular, the Committee noted Chile's recommendation for Member States to develop a "Country Diagnostic" as a first measure to assess the country's situation in relation to the 17 SDGs, to develop guidelines or tools to facilitate the development of a country diagnosis and to establish linkages with technical assistance needs at a national level, as well as to establish a relation between the country's diagnosis, technical assistance needs and the indicators that were being developed by the Correspondence Group with a view to improving IMO's technical assistance plan and align it with the work developed by the United Nations Statistical Commission.

6.20 In considering document TC 69/6(c)/3 (The Pew Charitable Trusts), the Committee noted that improving safety of fishing vessels and decent conditions on board, as well as combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing would contribute to the achievement of SDGs 1, 2, 8 and 14.² The Committee further noted the Cape Town Agreement contribution for empowering women in the maritime community, thus supporting the achievement of SDG 5.

6.21 Within this context, the Committee was informed about the Ministerial Conference on Fishing Vessel Safety and IUU Fishing which would be held in Torremolinos, Spain, from 21 to 23 October 2019. Some delegations enquired about the funding mechanism for the proposed Conference. In response, the Secretariat informed the Committee that the Conference would be hosted by the Government of Spain and sponsored by IMO's ITCP in collaboration with the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and The Pew Charitable Trusts. The Committee agreed to the request made by many delegations for the Secretariat to further promote this conference with regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) and other relevant stakeholders and requested the delegation of Vanuatu and the European Union to provide the Secretariat with the contact details.

6.22 In conclusion, the Committee:

- .1 urged Member States to fully participate in their national UNDAF processes, ensuring that maritime issues were included in the countrywide implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
- .2 encouraged Member States to request the necessary technical assistance in the regional programmes and global programmes to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
- .3 invited Member States to submit documents to TC 70 highlighting the activities carried out at national and/or regional level in support of the 2030 Agenda;
- .4 thanked Chile for hosting the pilot UNDAF workshop and approved the actions requested in paragraph 22 of document TC 69/6(c)/1;

² <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>

- .5 noted the actions requested in sub-paragraphs 1 and 4 of paragraph 24 of document TC 69/6(c)/2; and
- .6 approved the actions requested in paragraph 18 of document TC 69/6(c)/3.

(d) Report of the Correspondence Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

6.23 The Committee recalled that, in July 2017, the United Nations General Assembly had adopted Resolution A/RES/71/313 on *Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, which contained a global indicator framework for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda developed by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) within the framework of the United Nations Statistical Commission. The Committee recalled further that two comprehensive reviews of the global indicator framework had been planned, and their results would be submitted for consideration and decision by the United Nations Statistical Commission at its 2020 and 2025 sessions. In this regard, the Committee, at its sixty-eighth session, acknowledging the need for a robust follow-up and review mechanism for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the requirement for a solid framework of indicators and statistical data to monitor progress, agreed to establish a correspondence group on the 2030 Agenda, under the coordination of Vanuatu, with a view to developing indicators for data collection within IMO's mandate related to technical cooperation.

6.24 In considering document TC 69/6(d), the Committee was informed that the scope of the SDGs was much broader than IMO's ITCP and that there was ongoing work within the Secretariat to establish the linkages between the SDGs and IMO's Strategic Plan. Moreover, the Chair of the Correspondence Group expressed the difficulties in setting realistic milestones without having the full context of challenges and/or problems in the provision of IMO's technical cooperation activities.

6.25 The Committee was further informed that the lack of available statistics was considered challenging by the Group. The outcome of the Group was a work in progress and the need for consultation with the Secretariat for data pertaining to current technical cooperation activities could indeed be better addressed through the establishment of a working group or an intersessional working group.

6.26 The Committee discussed at length the merits and demerits of the establishment of a working group or intersessional working group to continue the work related to the finalization of the development of SMART indicators for data collection within IMO's mandate for technical cooperation. Taking into consideration the proposed draft IMO SDGs Strategy to be considered by the 122nd regular session of the Council (C 122/3(a)/1), the Committee decided to await the decision of the Council on the Organization's SDGs Strategy and revisit the matter at its next session, establish a Working Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and request the Council to authorize a four-day TC 70 session to allow this working group to meet for one day without interpretation.

6.27 The Committee expressed its appreciation for the work of the Correspondence Group and approved its report in general.

7 REGIONAL PRESENCE AND COORDINATION

Activities delivered under the IMO Regional Presence Scheme

7.1 The Committee noted the information contained in document TC 69/7 (Secretariat), on technical cooperation activities delivered under the IMO Regional Presence Scheme in Africa, East Asia, the Pacific Islands and the Caribbean in 2018. This included some 100 technical cooperation activities and numerous other events, undertaken and coordinated by the Regional Coordinators, the Regional Maritime Adviser and the Technical Cooperation Officer.

7.2 The Committee noted that the regional presence offices had continued to play key roles in supporting the international maritime community at large and had also been effective contributors to the work of the various regional and national associations of women in maritime under the IMO Women in Maritime programme.

7.3 The Committee expressed its appreciation to the host countries of IMO regional presence offices, namely Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, the Philippines and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as to SPC for supporting the Scheme.

7.4 The host countries of the regional presence offices expressed their willingness to renew the MoUs and continue supporting the Scheme, citing its vital role in institutional development and capacity-building in the regions.

Review and reform of the IMO Regional Presence Scheme

7.5 In considering the current situation with respect to the review and reform of the IMO Regional Presence Scheme (document TC 69/7/1 (Secretariat)), the Committee noted the work and key strategic areas of the regional presence offices, including, inter alia:

- .1 encouraging Member States' accession to and implementation of IMO legal instruments;
- .2 identifying Member States' maritime needs and priorities for future action;
- .3 facilitating major IMO assistance programmes including those for the protection of the marine environment, maritime security and maritime development that were funded from outside of the TC Funds;
- .4 promoting IMO's technical competence, experience and comparative advantage during the formulation of country-specific United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) through active participation in the UN Country Teams (UNCT) activities with a view to aligning the delivery of ITCP with relevant programmes in collaboration with UNDP;
- .5 liaising with Member States and UNCT to identify potential funding sources at bilateral and multilateral levels within the region;
- .6 promoting completion of Member States IMO CMP as a tool for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda; and
- .7 representing the Organization and its work at national, subregional and international meetings and conferences, thus reducing cost of travel from IMO Headquarters.

7.6 The Committee considered document TC 69/7/2 (Egypt) requesting that an IMO regional presence office be established in Egypt for technical cooperation in order to enhance the implementation of ITCP for the Arab States in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. In this regard, the Committee noted that the regional presence scheme as presently constituted did not cover the MENA area, which was comprised of 22 Member States.

7.7 The Committee also considered document TC 69/7/3 (Australia et al.) requesting that an IMO regional presence office for technical cooperation be established in the Pacific Islands region in order to build on existing partnerships and technical cooperation programmes. In this regard, the Committee noted the Pacific Community's comments in document TC 69/7/4 on document TC 69/7/3 and the IMO Technical Cooperation Officer's work and achievements in the Pacific Islands region under the current partnership arrangements.

7.8 Following the introduction of all documents, the Committee engaged in an extensive discussion in which the following views were expressed:

- .1 the majority of delegations supported the establishment of regional presence offices in both the MENA and Pacific Islands regions;
- .2 there was a need to consider the establishment of regional presence offices in other regions, for example in Latin America, in order to ensure equitable geographical representation;
- .3 there was a need to clarify the scope, terms of reference for, and standards for setting up regional presence offices to ensure that they were consistent with the overall IMO strategy;
- .4 there needed to be a holistic approach to technical cooperation to consider making full use of some of the existing regional technical centres and other resources;
- .5 existing arrangements needed to be taken into account in order to avoid duplication of efforts, for example the work of REMPEC and PERSGA in the MENA region, and possible interaction with the MTCCs;
- .6 any changes to the current establishment could have budgetary implications that would need to be evaluated before taking any proposals to the Council;
- .7 a number of delegations supported reviewing the role of the Regional Maritime Adviser in the Caribbean with a view to reclassifying the position as a regional coordinator;
- .8 established terminology should be used in documents to describe geographical areas, specifically the term "Persian Gulf" rather than other names; a statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran is attached at annex 6; and
- .9 further discussions would be needed between countries in regions seeking a regional presence office in order to finalize their locations.

7.9 In its deliberations, the Committee noted the advice of the Secretariat that the issue of expanding the Regional Presence Scheme had been raised on several occasions in the past, as detailed in paragraphs 2 to 5 of document TC 69/7/1 (Secretariat). In this regard, the Committee recalled that in June 2005 TC 55 had considered the implementation of

resolution A.965(23) on *Development and improvement of partnership arrangements for technical cooperation* and noted with appreciation the action taken by the Secretary-General to implement the resolution and his intention to secure external financial and in-kind support before expanding the Regional Presence Scheme. This had been reported to the Council at its ninety-fourth session (document C 94/11/Add.1 paragraphs 41 to 44), and duly noted (document C 94/D, paragraph 11.3(iv)). Any expansion of the Regional Presence Scheme would have budgetary and resource implications and would therefore need to be considered by the Council.

7.10 The Secretary-General thanked the Committee for the thorough and interesting discussion. He reminded the Committee that IMO delivered technical cooperation activities in a number of ways, not only through the Regional Presence Scheme but also through the MTCCs and the port State control MoUs. The Secretariat would develop a comprehensive, long-term strategy for technical cooperation activities, for consideration by the Committee.

7.11 The Committee concluded by noting the information provided in documents TC 69/7/1 (Secretariat), TC 69/7/2 (Egypt), TC 69/7/3 (Australia et al.) and TC 69/7/4 (Pacific Community), and the advice of the Secretary-General regarding C 94 decisions and the way forward, and:

- .1 pending the completion of the Functional Review and development of a long-term strategy for the review and reform of IMO's technical cooperation, which would be reported to TC 70, invited Member States to provide details to the Secretariat on:
 - .1 how they benefited from the regional presence offices;
 - .2 how the service provided by the regional presence offices could be improved;
 - .3 whether the number or scope of work of the regional presence offices should be increased;
 - .4 how they intended to support the regional presence offices in the future; and
 - .5 how the beneficiary countries could cost share or contribute to the budget for the Regional Presence Scheme;
- .2 decided that this information should be sought via a questionnaire attached to a circular letter and an online survey; and
- .3 supported, subject to the outcome of the review of the Regional Presence Scheme and the Long-Term Strategy for the Review and Reform of Technical Cooperation, the establishment of regional presence offices in both the MENA and Pacific Islands regions and agreed, in the interim, to the continuation of the current arrangements in the Pacific Islands region.

8 IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME

8.1 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 69/8 (Secretariat) on the status of implementation of the global technical cooperation programme on the IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

8.2 In this regard, the Committee noted that four training courses for auditors and workshops for maritime administrators had been held in 2018 and three of five training activities for auditors and maritime administrators scheduled for 2019 had already been organized. Since the commencement of the training courses for auditors under ITCP in 2006, by 9 March 2019 a total of 1,354 individuals from 158 Member States and Associate Members had been trained through 67 ITCP activities.

8.3 The Committee recalled that there had been an increase in ad hoc requests received from Member States for technical assistance, generally, in the preparation for audits and in particular, in the implementation of agreed Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) (document TC 68/15 paragraph 7.1). The Committee recognized that this required an increase of the overall size of ITCP, and by extension, more resources to deliver in line with the expectations of Member States. In this regard, the Committee urged Member States, organizations and the industry to consider making further contributions to ITCP in general and to the IMO Member State Audit Scheme global programme, in particular.

8.4 The Committee considered document TC 69/8/1 (Côte d'Ivoire) and the proposed strategy therein for the implementation and effective application of MARPOL Convention Annexes I to V taking into account the findings from the IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

8.5 In this regard, the Committee noted that in November 2018, Côte d'Ivoire had hosted a regional workshop for senior officials of maritime administrations from francophone countries in west and central Africa, funded through ITCP. The aim of the workshop had been to assist the administrations of those States to implement MARPOL Annexes I to V, as flag States, port States and coastal States, for the protection of the marine and coastal environment at national and regional levels, taking into account the outcomes of IMO audits carried out in the majority of the participating countries.

8.6 The meeting had developed a strategy (annex to document TC 69/8/1) for the implementation and effective application of MARPOL Annexes I to V, addressing recurrent audit findings, and to include necessary actions in ITCP, as appropriate. Those included the need to:

- .1 have a legal and regulatory framework transposing the provisions of the Convention into domestic law; and
- .2 organize, empower and provide human and material resources necessary for public authorities to implement, control and sanction, regulate, administer and enforce the Convention.

8.7 In thanking Côte d'Ivoire for hosting the regional workshop, the delegation of the Netherlands pledged to make a financial contribution to the ITCP global programme on IMSAS.

8.8 The observer from IHO stated that, in relation to SOLAS chapter V, IHO was ready to support Member States to prepare for audits and to assist in rectifying deficiencies identified through IMSAS.

8.9 The Committee concluded by:

- .1 noting the outcomes of the workshop held in Côte d'Ivoire and, in particular, the proposed Strategy for the implementation and effective application of MARPOL Convention Annexes I to V;
- .2 endorsing the strategy;

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- .3 agreeing to promote its use through national and regional workshops conducted under ITCP, in Africa and in other regions; and
 - .4 requesting the Secretariat to facilitate this process.

9 REVIEW AND STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXERCISE FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2015

9.1 The Committee considered document TC 69/9 (Secretariat), which provided an update on the Secretariat's response to the recommendations of the external assessment report of the Impact Assessment Exercise (IAE) covering the activities of ITCP during the period 2012-2015, as well as an update on the status of implementation of those recommendations.

9.2 The Committee recalled that the above-mentioned IAE report had first been considered by TC 66 and that the Secretariat had provided reports on the status of implementation of its recommendations as well as the analyses of the remaining recommendations to subsequent sessions of the Committee.

9.3 In considering the current status of implementation of the recommendations, the Committee noted the updated information on Country Maritime Profiles (see also agenda item 6(a)), the development of the "TC Space" and "IMOSpace" systems; and the ongoing work to convert IMO model courses into e-learning model courses.

9.4 The Committee noted that following the request by TC 68 (document TC 68/15, paragraph 8.9.3) for MEPC 73 and MSC 100 to identify and prioritize which of the model courses could be considered for conversion into e-learning model courses, HTW 6 had met from 29 April to 3 May 2019 (document HTW 6/13 refers) and had decided to advise the Committees that:

- .1 conversion of STCW model courses into e-learning model courses would:
 - .1 change the current approach and goal of model courses, as they were not courses ready to be delivered, but tools assisting Member States and other stakeholders to develop detailed training programmes; and
 - .2 require careful consideration to any accountability implications for the subsequent assessment of competence, training quality and independent evaluation relating to this training material in accordance with the STCW Convention; and
- .2 the III Sub-Committee could be invited to consider how e-learning training material could assist with the implementation of instruments other than the STCW Convention.

9.5 Noting that the matter had been referred to the III Sub-Committee, the Committee recalled that the original intention had been for MEPC and MSC to identify opportunities where e-learning could be progressed to support the effective implementation of mandatory instruments, rather than to focus on e-learning aspects of IMO model courses, which was already being done by training institutions.

9.6 The Committee concluded by noting the update provided by the Secretariat in document TC 69/9 (Secretariat) and, in particular:

- .1 noted the information on the development of TC Space; and
- .2 urged Member States and international organizations to consider sharing their training facilities and resources that could be integrated into the IMO e-learning tool to support the delivery of technical cooperation activities for the benefit of the wider international maritime community.

10 CAPACITY-BUILDING: STRENGTHENING THE IMPACT OF WOMEN IN THE MARITIME SECTOR

10.1 The Committee considered four documents and two information papers under this agenda item. The Committee was updated on the activities delivered through IMO's Women in Maritime programme from April 2018 to April 2019, document TC 69/10 (Secretariat). It was recognized that one of the enduring successes of the programme during its 31 years of operation had been the establishment of seven grass-roots associations across the regions, which drew on the UN principle of implementing from the field-level upwards.

10.2 The Committee was informed of the outcomes achieved by three of IMO's regional support networks, notably the Association for Women in the Maritime Sector in Eastern and Southern Africa region (WOMESA), the Pacific Women in Maritime Association (PacWIMA), and the Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean (WiMAC), including the annexed WiMAC 2018 resolution.

10.3 At a time when IMO focuses on women in maritime during 2019, under the World Maritime Day (WMD) theme "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community", a third film on gender, entitled "Turning the Tide", was launched at TC 69 to showcase how the Organization's gender and capacity-building programme has benefitted women in ports, shoreside and on board ships. The film was warmly received by the Committee.

10.4 A number of delegations took the floor to commend the Organization's innovative and long-standing gender programme, which had evolved since 1988 to produce groundbreaking yet practical results, the impact of which was most significant for developing countries. Many delegations appreciated the increased number of trainees and the variety of activities delivered by IMO to empower women as key maritime stakeholders, in particular, the ongoing efforts of the Secretariat to promote the SDGs, notably, SDG 5.

10.5 The Committee welcomed the initiative of the delegations of Malta and Ghana regarding their submission of a draft Assembly resolution to the 122nd session of the Council to build on the momentum of the 2019 WMD theme. The draft resolution urges Member States and maritime administrations to recall and apply the lessons learnt during the year of empowering women. The resolution will also urge IMO to take into consideration the lessons learnt in all aspects of work within the Secretariat and especially in matters related to technical cooperation, the human element and the work of its organs.

10.6 Following a request made during TC 68, the Committee considered document TC 69/10/1 (Secretariat), which provided the number of female graduates from WMU and IMLI, as well as the number of fellowships awarded to students over a five-year period who undertook short upgrading courses at the International Maritime Safety Security and Environment Academy (IMSSEA). The Committee noted that, although a great deal of progress had been made, much still needed to be done to plug the gender gap when it came to empowering women through education.

10.7 The Committee noted, with appreciation, the Secretariat's intention to undertake an urgent study to collect and analyse data on the number of women employed in the maritime sector, a key practical outcome resulting from the 2019 WMD theme. It further noted that the finalized study, including recommendations, would be submitted to TC 70 for discussion and consideration. Several delegations emphasized the importance of this study and the major benefits that its findings could bring to the maritime sector.

10.8 Through document TC 69/10/2 (Secretariat), the Committee was informed of the key outcomes of the Third WMU International Conference: Empowering Women in the Maritime Community held in Malmö, Sweden, from 4 to 5 April 2019. The conference successfully brought together over 350 participants from 70 countries from governments and industry, with the aim of identifying and addressing gaps in current policies and programmes that hindered women's access to employment opportunities, their ability to pursue careers in the maritime, port and ocean sectors and to actively promote and implement strategies and policies that would change the current landscape. The conference participants issued a "call for action" in the form of a conclusion statement, which is annexed to document TC 69/10/2 in support of achieving the UN SDGs, and, in particular, SDG 5.

10.9 During an intervention made by the President of WMU, it was highlighted that one of the important takeaways from the conference was the fact that each stakeholder was encouraged to choose at least one action to implement from the list of conference conclusions. The maritime and ocean sectors would be well on their way to affecting real change and making progress to achieve gender parity if stakeholders were to implement the outcomes of the Conference.

10.10 The Committee also noted the initiative undertaken by Malaysia to support the Women in Maritime, Asia (WIMA Asia) network. It further noted the issues raised in document TC 69/10/3 (Malaysia) and, in particular, under paragraphs 6.1 to 6.6 of the annexed WIMA Asia 2019 resolution. The Committee was requested to assist, where possible, in the implementation of the capacity-building objectives of this Association.

10.11 In conclusion, the Committee:

- .1 noted the implementation of activities undertaken under IMO's Women in Maritime programme from April 2018 to April 2019, as reported in document TC 69/10;
- .2 noted the issues raised under the WiMAC 2018 resolution annexed to document TC 69/10 and the WIMA Asia 2019 resolution annexed to document TC 69/10/3 and requested all Member States to assist, where possible, in the implementation of the capacity-building objectives of WiMAC and WIMA Asia;
- .3 expressed deep appreciation to those Member States, organizations and shipping industry stakeholders which, through their kind and generous support, had hosted and enabled the successful outcomes of the various events reported in document TC 69/10 and, through these, the furtherance of the efforts of the Organization in relation to the implementation of the SDGs and, in particular, SDG 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls";
- .4 urged all maritime stakeholders to support, both financially and in-kind, the objectives and activities undertaken by the regional Women in Maritime Associations (WIMAs) and their national chapters;

- .5 supported the proposed study in document TC 69/10/1 to collect and analyse data on the number of women employed in the maritime sector and requested all Member States, following guidance provided by the Secretariat, to provide information to IMO on the number of women in maritime and oceans fields across all sectors and the positions they occupied; the finalized study, including recommendations, would be submitted to TC 70, for discussion and consideration;
- .6 expressed its appreciation to all donors who provided fellowships to WMU, IMLI, IMSSEA, Institut Portuaire d'Enseignement et de Recherche (IPER) and the Galilee International Management Institute (GIMI), and requested all Member States to support the capacity-building activities of these maritime training institutions, with a view to increasing the number of female graduates;
- .7 noted the objectives and outcomes in document TC 69/10/2 of the Third WMU International Conference: Empowering Women in the Maritime Community, in particular, the six critical actions listed in the annex of this document, and expressed its appreciation to all donors who supported this conference;
- .8 noted the information provided in document TC 69/INF.4 (Secretariat) on the WMU Women's Association (WMUWA) and the linkage between that Association with IMO's regional support networks for women in maritime; and
- .9 noted the information provided in document TC 69/INF.13 (Georgia) on the initiatives taken by Georgia to promote women's empowerment in the maritime industry.

11 GLOBAL MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

(a) World Maritime University

11.1 The Committee considered document TC 69/11(a) (Secretariat), which summarized the main activities undertaken by WMU during 2018 related to governance and management, financial matters, programme enrolments, academic developments and partnerships, research and consultancies, international conferences and events, and United Nations-related matters.

11.2 The Committee noted with satisfaction the activities undertaken by WMU and commended the WMU President's contribution to the successful work of the University. Delegations that intervened expressed their appreciation for the University's contribution to the valuable education of their nationals and thanked the Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö for their continued support for the University and all donors for their contributions.

11.3 The Committee welcomed the following announcements:

- .1 the Government of the Netherlands' contribution of €100,000 to WMU through ITCP for WMU fellowships for least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS);
- .2 the Government of Australia's funding of 10 fellowships to support students from the South Pacific States over a period of five years commencing in 2018; and

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- .3 the Government of Singapore's funding for the newly-established WMU-Koji Sekimizu PhD fellowship on Maritime Governance endowed by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.

11.4 Various delegations took the floor to commend the valuable work being carried out by WMU to enhance capacity-building in the maritime sector and expressed gratitude to its donors.

11.5 The Committee also considered document TC 69/11(a)/1 (Secretariat), which provided an update on the evaluation of the 14 former WMU branches and the developments further to the Committee's decision, at its sixty-seventh session, to place a moratorium on all existing 14 WMU branches and the Committee's request that, for those institutions with a successful evaluation, a new partnership structure would be established either on the basis of a memorandum of agreement (MoA), with legally binding commitments, or a memorandum of understanding (MoU), with a cooperative expression of interest. The new partnership arrangements will contribute to the accomplishment of the Key Strategies for Financial Sustainability and the Strategic Plan of WMU.

11.6 Further to the update received by the President of WMU, the Committee noted the progress on the assessment of the former branches of WMU, as follows:

- .1 Seven institutions had been successfully evaluated, namely:
- Dalian Maritime University, China
 - Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, Egypt
 - Bangladesh Marine Academy
 - Escuela Nautica Mercante de Tampico, Mexico
 - Institut Supérieur des Etudes Maritimes, Morocco
 - Regional Maritime University, Ghana
 - Académie des Sciences et Techniques de la Mer, Côte d'Ivoire
- .2 Three institutions had agreed to be evaluated in 2019, namely:
- Institut Supérieur Maritime, Algeria
 - Maritime Training Institute, Shipping Corporation of India
 - Pakistan Marine Academy
- .3 Three institutions had confirmed that they did not wish to undertake an evaluation, namely:
- Centro de Instrucción y Capacitación Marítima, Chile
 - Centro de Instrução Almirante Graça Aranha, Brazil
 - Escuela Nacional de Náutica Manuel Belgrano, Argentina

These institutions will cease utilizing the term "WMU branch".

11.7 One institution, namely the Malaysian Maritime Academy, had not yet responded to the evaluation request, but communication was being pursued through the Ministry of Transport with a view to soliciting a response as soon as possible.

11.8 In addition, the Committee was informed by the President of WMU that, further to the decision of the thirty-seventh session of the Board of Governors of WMU, the University would seek response from any unresponsive institution, with a deadline of July 2019, after which the University should take no further action.

11.9 The Committee noted document TC 69/11(a)/Add.1 (Secretariat) on the requirements of WMU in terms of equipment/services and encouraged Member States to consider offering donations and support.

11.10 In this regard, the Committee noted with appreciation the generous contribution of €50,000 from the Government of Malaysia to replace the WMU van.

11.11 In conclusion, the Committee:

- .1 noted the summary of activities undertaken by WMU during the calendar year 2018;
- .2 expressed its appreciation to those donors who had contributed to the WMU Endowment Fund and urged the Member States, the shipping industry and other stakeholders to provide financial contributions to the Fund as a means to ensure the University's long-term sustainability;
- .3 strongly urged Member States and the shipping industry to establish what they could offer, in terms of student fellowship support, as well as equipment and facilities for the University premises;
- .4 urged, once more, Member States to take action so as to enable recognition, under their national legislation, of the degrees conferred by WMU and, to that end, keep the Organization informed of developments; and
- .5 noted the progress made with regard to the evaluation of the former WMU branches and urged Member States where former WMU branches were based and had not yet completed the evaluations or responded to WMU's requests, to encourage them to do so, to enable the review process to be completed as soon as possible.

(b) IMO International Maritime Law Institute

11.12 The Committee considered document TC 69/11(b) (Secretariat), which outlined the main activities undertaken by IMLI during 2018 related to governance and management, financial matters, programme enrolments and fellowships, academic developments and partnerships, international conferences and events and United Nations-related matters.

11.13 The delegations who spoke noted with satisfaction the activities undertaken by IMLI and commended the IMLI Director for his stewardship and commitment in ensuring the Institute's admirable performance. A number of delegations praised the high-level academic programmes offered by the Institute which continued to benefit developing countries at many levels and congratulated the Institute on its thirtieth anniversary. The efforts and dedication of the IMLI staff were also recognized and appreciated.

11.14 The Committee expressed its gratitude to the Government of Malaysia for the generous contribution of €67,000 to fund two full IMLI fellowships.

11.15 The Committee:

- .1 noted the summary of activities undertaken by IMLI during 2018;
- .2 urged, once more, Member States to take action so as to enable recognition, under their national legislation, of the degrees conferred by IMLI and, to that end, keep the Organization informed of developments;
- .3 expressed its appreciation to the host Government of Malta and to those donors, particularly The Nippon Foundation, which had contributed through financial and in-kind support to the Institute; and
- .4 strongly urged Member States, intergovernmental organizations and shipping industry stakeholders to make voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to IMLI.

(c) Other established arrangements

11.16 The Committee considered the information provided in document TC 69/11(c) (Secretariat) on long-established partnership arrangements with maritime training institutions, namely IMSSEA, Italy and IPER, France, in collaboration with the Grand Port Maritime du Havre, for the delivery of a number of short and medium-term training courses during 2018, through the provision of IMO fellowships to developing countries.

11.17 The delegation from Italy updated the Committee on the status of activities undertaken by IMSSEA and the new training courses and initiatives recently launched by the Academy. Whilst reiterating its thanks for the fellowship support received from IMO regarding four of its short courses, the delegation also informed the Committee of a voluntary contribution of €50,000 from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs aimed at supporting IMO fellowships for IMSSEA courses.

11.18 The delegation from France provided the Committee with information on the high-level port management training courses provided by IPER highlighting, *inter alia*, the vast experience of the Institution and its partners and the singular know-how in its teaching experience, which had contributed to the success of these courses. The Committee was also informed that the women in port management courses, aimed at promoting the integration of women into the maritime sector and their access to high-level technical training, had been very successful and that demand for these types of courses had substantially increased over the previous three years.

11.19 The delegations that spoke commended both institutions for the high-quality training provided through their courses that had contributed to capacity-building and enhanced the maritime sector in their respective countries. One delegation spoke on the issue of the difficulties experienced in obtaining visas for their nominees resulting in lost opportunities to undertake the training. It also called for increased cooperation from the national authorities to ease conditions for obtaining visas.

11.20 The Committee took note of the information contained in document TC 69/11(c) and also noted the information provided in document TC 69/INF.3 by France on the status and activities of IPER.

12 APPLICATION OF THE DOCUMENT ON THE ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

12.1 In considering document TC 69/12 (Secretariat), the Committee recalled that TC 68 had amended the existing *Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee* and these had been promulgated as TC.1/Circ.72.

12.2 The Committee noted that with regard to the issue of access to information and transparency, the Council at its 120th Regular Session (C 120/D, paragraph 4.9), the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its seventy-third session (MEPC 73/19, paragraph 15.29) and the Maritime Safety Committee at its 100th session (MSC 100/20 paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3) had agreed to invite submitters of meeting documents to give their consent for their documents to be released to the public prior to the meeting by checking the "opt-in box" at the top right corner of the new document template provided on IMODOCS.

12.3 The Committee concluded by agreeing that:

- .1 submitters of meeting documents should give their consent for their documents to be released to the general public prior to the session by checking the "opt-in box"; and
- .2 without the explicit consent, documents would be prepared as private.

12.4 The Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare a revision of the document on the *Organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee* for consideration by the Committee at its next session.

13 WORK PROGRAMME

13.1 The Committee examined the information provided in document TC 69/13 (Secretariat) and approved the biennial status report of the Technical Cooperation Committee for the 2018-2019 biennium, as set out in annex 4, and the substantive items to be included in the provisional agenda for the period 2020-2023, as set out in annex 5.

14 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2020

Pursuant to the provisions of rule 18 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee elected His Excellency Mr. Laurent Parenté (Vanuatu) as its Chair and Ms. Mandana Mansoorian (Islamic Republic of Iran) as its Vice-Chair for 2020.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Recommendations from the subregional workshop on the transposition and effective implementation of conventions relating to preparedness, response, liability and compensation in the event of oil spillage

15.1 The Committee considered document TC 69/15 (Secretariat) regarding the recommendations arising from the subregional workshop on the transposition and effective implementation of IMO conventions relating to preparedness, response, liability and compensation in the event of oil spillage, such as the OPRC-90 Convention, as well as the CLC, LLMC, and Bunkers Conventions, which took place in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 18 to 22 March 2019, with the support of the GI WACAF project team and the Centre Ivoirien Antipollution.

15.2 The Committee noted that inviting officials responsible for the drafting of legal texts transposing IMO Conventions to the workshop, along with the technical experts, proved to be useful to enhance their knowledge of the IMO instruments, and enabled them to reflect that knowledge when drafting domestic legislation. The Committee also noted the importance of ensuring a follow-up to adopted amendments to IMO instruments in domestic legislation, as well as the key role of the judiciary in ensuring enforcement of IMO instruments.

15.3 Following consideration, the Committee invited the Secretariat to consider the results of the workshop, and notably the identified actions to be undertaken to address existing gaps and barriers to the implementation and effective enforcement of IMO conventions, when identifying ITCP activities for the next biennium.

Outcomes of the 20th session of the Asia-Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies (APHoMSA) forum held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 14 to 17 April 2019

15.4 The Committee noted the information contained in document TC 69/INF.6 (Australia) on the Outcomes of the 20th session of the Asia-Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies (APHoMSA) forum held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 14 to 17 April 2019.

Reports of the High-Level Symposium and the Regional Senior Maritime Administrators' Workshop

15.5 The Committee noted the information contained in document TC 69/INF.8 (Antigua and Barbuda et al.) on the Reports of the High-Level Symposium and the Regional Senior Maritime Administrators' Workshop.

Report on the Regional Seminar for Heads of Maritime Authorities and Fifth Extraordinary Meeting of ROCRAM-CA

15.6 The Committee noted the information contained in document TC 69/INF.11 on the Report on the Regional Seminar for Heads of Maritime Authorities and Fifth Extraordinary Meeting of ROCRAM-CA.

Development of a generic maritime single window system in Antigua and Barbuda – a Norwegian/Antigua and Barbuda project

15.7 The Committee noted the information contained in document TC 69/INF.12 (Antigua and Barbuda and Norway) on the Development of a generic maritime single window system in Antigua and Barbuda – a Norwegian/Antigua and Barbuda project.

Date and place of next session

15.8 The next session has been tentatively scheduled to take place at IMO Headquarters from Monday, 15 to Thursday, 18 June 2020.

16 ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

16.1 The Council is invited to:

- .1 note the summary of the Committee's report on its sixty-ninth session (C 122/12/Add.1), in particular, the Committee's approval of ITCP for 2020-2021; the revised and restructured CMP module; the establishment of a working group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to meet during TC 70; the updated biennial status report of the Committee's outputs for the 2018-2019 biennium; and the proposed substantive items for inclusion in its provisional agendas for the period 2020-2023;

- .2 consider the impact on the IMO Trading Fund and TC Fund when addressing the request of LEG 106 to initiate a programme to develop official versions of the consolidated texts of all IMO conventions to assist Member States in their ratification of IMO conventions and implementation into the domestic legislation;
- .3 note the Committee's agreement to await the outcome of the planned review process of the Regional Presence Scheme and the Long-Term Strategy for the Review and Reform of Technical Cooperation prior to referring any requests for the expansion of the Scheme to the Council;
- .4 note the Committee's agreement, subsequent to the Council's decision at its 120th regular session regarding greater public access to information, that submitters of meeting documents should give their consent for their documents to be released to the general public prior to the session by checking the "opt-in" box, as, without explicit consent, documents will be prepared as private;
- .5 approve the allocation and use of £10.8 million (equivalent³ to \$14.6 million) from the Technical Cooperation Fund to support the delivery of ITCP during 2020-2021;⁴
- .6 approve the proposed Revised Rules of Operation of the Technical Cooperation Fund;
- .7 request a four-day TC 70 session to allow the Working Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to meet for one day without interpretation; and
- .8 authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee's sixty-ninth session to the thirty-first session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

³ Using the exchange rate of £1 equal to \$1.35.

⁴ Subject to any adjustments which the Secretariat may have to make as a result of the final decisions of the Council and the Assembly as to the amount which will be allocated to the TC Fund; and the exchange rate between the pound and the dollar at the time when the funds are released and converted into dollars.

ANNEX 1

ADDRESS BY YB LOKE SIEW FOOK, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT MALAYSIA

Mr. Chairman,
Mr. Secretary General,
Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen
I wish all of you a very good morning.

Mr. Chairman,

It is my pleasure to be here with you today at the Sixty-Ninth Session of the Technical Cooperation Committee (TC) meeting. I am delighted to be in this plenary for the first time and congratulate all of you for making enormous strides towards the work of the IMO.

On behalf of the Government of Malaysia, I would like to register our sincere appreciation to the TC Secretariat for graciously hosting this 69th Session as well as for the excellent arrangements and the warm hospitality accorded to us.

Allow me, to also record my heartfelt gratitude to distinguish delegates of IMO Member Countries as well as representatives from IMO Office and observers. Thank you for travelling all the way across the continent to be part of the key players of the 69th TC meeting.

Undeniably, this meeting is not only serves as a platform to discuss pertinent issues related to IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme, but it is also an avenue for us to exchange knowledge, best practices and sharing experiences related to maritime development. We should also leverage on this platform to expand our networking and explore potential areas of collaboration via bilateral and multilateral platform.

Mr. Chairman,

On 28th November 2013 marked a milestone in Malaysia – IMO cooperation through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on ITCP. This enables Malaysia to consistently contribute our maritime expertise or sponsor specific capacity building programmes under the purview of the IMO. Ministry of Transport Malaysia is responsible in coordinating the execution of ITCP programmes with collaboration through strategic partnerships with both public and private sector.

Ever since then, Malaysia has been very committed to provide assistance in terms of sharing of expertise specially to developing countries and Small-Island Developing States (SIDS). To date, 430 participants from 57 countries have benefited from the Malaysia's technical cooperation partnership programmes.

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to note that the IMO Council has chosen "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community" as its theme for 2019. IMO's aim is in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Number 5, which is "to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls". This is something Malaysia is working towards.

Malaysia believe in gender equity, in fairness of treatment for women and men, according to their respective needs, which may include equal treatment or treatment that is different but which is considered equivalent in terms of rights, benefits, obligations and opportunities.

As a member of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Malaysia is committed to empowering women's role in the maritime sector through activities such as seminars, conferences and dialogues to respect women who have contributed significantly to the maritime sector. I am proud to inform this plenary, Malaysia has successfully hosted the Day of the Seafarer yesterday at the Plenary Hall together with the IMO, ITF, ISWAN and MISC.

Further to that, Malaysia through its Ministry of Transport in collaboration with Women in Maritime Association Malaysia and the IMO have successfully delivered the WIMA Asia Regional conference on Empowering Women in Maritime from 9 to 11 April 2019 in Kuala Lumpur. The conference was attended by 111 participants, including 28 delegates from 12 member states.

The main objectives of the conference were to provide a platform to highlight gaps and barriers to gender equality in maritime, discuss ways to overcome the barriers and close the gender gap, provide platform for sharing of best practices in WIMA national chapter formation, showcase the strength and diversity of Malaysian women talent and leadership in the maritime industry, promote Malaysia as a valued and strategic IMO partner in ITCP programmes and IMO's Women in Maritime programmes.

I am also proud to announce that Malaysia has decided to contribute EUR50,000 to World Maritime University for the Replacement of the WMU Van and EUR67,000 to IMO International Maritime Law for Full Fellowship Programme for TWO (2) students. I was informed that our student, Mr Mohd Nurul Faiz Mohd Taib was awarded for the Professor Walter Muller Prize for the Best Maritime Legislation Drafting Project during IMLI 30th Annual Graduation Ceremony on 15 June 2019.

Apart from that, in supporting IMO, to curb the climate change, Malaysia has also allocated USD10,000 for the Green House Gas Trust Fund. We hope, with this small contribution, IMO would be able to structure a technical cooperation program regarding this matter.

Mr. Chairman,
Mr. Secretary General,
Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

Before I leave the podium, allow me to announce Malaysia's intention to be re-elected to the IMO Council under Category C. Through this, Malaysia can contribute better and I can assure you, that Malaysia will continue to support all the Technical Cooperation Programmes that have been proposed and approved by this committee.

I also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub, who will step down as Technical Cooperation Committee Chair. I believe he has steered this committee handsomely with his own wisdom for the past 5 years. I wish him well and good luck with his career progression. For the new Elected Chair, I would like to congratulate you in advance and as I have reiterated before, Malaysia will continue to support TCC.

Lastly, I wish all delegates a smooth and fruitful meeting. Thank you for your kind attention.

ANNEX 2

ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR/CHAIR OF MALMO CITY COUNCIL, MS. CARINA NILSSON, AT THE SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2019

Hello everyone, my name is Carina Nilsson and I am the new Mayor of Malmö. I took over the role after Mr. Kent Andersson this last fall.

In Malmö we are proud of the World Maritime University and a proud sponsor of the University for the last 35 years. During the years in which it has been located in Malmö, the University has had a great impact on the city.

Malmö is Sweden's third largest city and among a population of 340,000 inhabitants, we have 181 different nationalities represented. Our global city is the perfect match for the diverse faculty and students at the World Maritime University, and now also the Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute. Each year we have an annual dinner hosted in the city hall for all the students when the new intake arrives each year, a tradition which is very appreciated among the students.

Malmö has over the past few decades undergone a transformation from being a traditional industrial city, focused around the old shipping industry, to today being a modern knowledge-based city. We as a city have a history and a development which is closely linked to water, from the herring fishery to a harbour that we have invested a lot in. The ocean is important for Malmö.

Our industries are now focused on digitalization and social innovation, adding to the fact that Malmö today is a knowledge-based city. Therefore, the opening of the Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute last year was very fitting. It will contribute to research which will lead to the betterment of our oceans.

Indeed, the Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute is such a perfect match for our city. In today's world, we need many more centers of research like the Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute. We look forward to seeing the contributions that this Institute will make to the field of Maritime and Ocean studies.

In the fierce competition of getting a global organisations to their countries, it is amazing that WMU is in Malmö, Sweden's only UN building, indeed a landmark building. Even the University building itself has garnered a lot of attention and is award-winning with the old and the new parts of the building representing two different historical eras of our city. It enriches our city architecture. But what is most important is what happens within the walls of the building. All the knowledge which is built in there is impressive. There we find the future leaders of the maritime field.

The UN Sustainable Development Goals are a guiding star for both the city of Malmö and for the World Maritime University. They are at the core of everything we do. We as a city work hard to ensure that our residents know that what happens globally impacts us here locally and also the reverse, what we do here has a direct impact on our surrounding world.

I would also like to mention why it is so fitting that the Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute is placed in Malmö and why we are honoured to have both the University, which was established in 1984, as well as the Institute in our city.

When the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals were first announced in September of 2015, Malmö was one of the first cities in the world, and indeed the first city in Sweden, to announce that it was going to implement the Sustainable Development Goals into its City Council Goals. This means that we want all of our municipal agencies to work towards the SDG's. We have opened a central Sustainable Development Office, which is to ensure that all of our municipal agencies are working towards the United Nations goals. This is because we firmly believe that global goals will only be achieved if we are working on them simultaneously at the local level. Otherwise it will never work. The University supports the city in achieving the goals.

Goals like number 14, which highlights the need to protect and use the ocean and maritime resources in a sustainable way, is a goal which the city of Malmö and WMU shares. In this, we are working alongside each other.

Sweden has made Sustainable Development Goal 14 into one of its main priorities. In relation to that, the city of Malmö opened the Marine Pedagogical Center last year. The Marine Pedagogical Center is a place where school classes, as well as children together with their parents, can come and learn about everything related to the oceans.

The City of Malmö is also prioritizing work related to SDG 5, Empowering women and girls. We are pleased to note that the theme for World Maritime Day 2019 is "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community".

Already today, the University has a close cooperation with the Marine Pedagogical Center and for example when the Center recently had an 'clean up the ocean' event, Dr. Doumbia-Henry was also there. The University is also out in different schools around the city talking about the SDG's so that students become more familiar with them.

I would like to finish by saying that we are very pleased with the partnership that the city has had over the years and look forward to continuing this fruitful cooperation which we truly believe benefits both parties.

Thank you.

ANNEX 3

REVISED RULES OF OPERATION OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION FUND

Purpose

1 The Technical Cooperation Fund (TC Fund) was established by resolution A.593(14) of 20 November 1985, which also resolved that the interest from this fund should be used to assist the Technical Cooperation Programme of the Organization in accordance with proposals approved by the Assembly.

2 In accordance with the decisions of the Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC), the Council and the Assembly relating to IMO technical cooperation policies and the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) and its guiding principles in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – as enshrined in resolution A.1127(30) – the resources of the TC Fund shall be used to assist developing countries in building human and institutional capacities for the effective implementation and enforcement of the global maritime standards adopted by the Organization.

Resources

3 The resources of the TC Fund shall include:

- .1 the initial capital base and subsequent transfers from the Trading Fund authorized by the Assembly in resolution A.1112(30);
- .2 such additional transfers from other funds of the Organization as may be approved by the Assembly;
- .3 contributions from Member States (including donations made under the contributions incentive scheme) and other donors (countries, institutions, the private sector and individuals); and
- .4 any income arising from investments of the TC Fund.

General principles for the allocation of the TC Fund resources

4 Unless otherwise directed by TCC, the Council or the Assembly, the resources of the TC Fund shall be used to finance or co-finance activities that support the objectives, priorities and key principles of ITCP.

5 The resources of the TC Fund shall be expended, so far as possible, in developing countries as well as for developing countries.

6 The Secretariat shall submit to TCC, for approval, proposals for the annual allocations of TC Fund resources to support the delivery of ITCP during a biennium. Such proposals shall identify the ITCP components to be supported, their relationship to the Organization's Strategic Plan, as well as their objectives and funding requirements.

7 Following approval by TCC, the proposals will be incorporated in the draft results-based budget for the biennium for approval by the Council and adoption by the Assembly.

8 Following approval of the annual allocations, any remaining resources shall continue to be maintained in the TC Fund.

Commitment/expenditure of TC Fund resources

9 The Financial Regulations and Financial Rules of the Organization shall govern the administration and use of TC Fund resources.

10 The annual budgets approved by the Assembly may be committed and expended following approval by the Secretary-General of programme implementation documents covering the corresponding ITCP components. Such documents shall be prepared by the Secretariat and shall include the following elements: justification, objectives, activities, expected outputs, inputs, budgets, and provisions for reporting, monitoring and evaluation.

11 TC Fund resources assigned to individual activities may be carried over to subsequent years if certain obligations which are created in respect of the activities in question have not yet been liquidated in the year of their approval.

12 The resources of the TC Fund may be drawn upon to fund temporarily approved ITCP expenditure pending receipt of agreed donor contributions. The resources of the TC Fund may also be used to fund expenditure on abortive work arising from the Organization's ITCP activities, with the agreement of the Secretary-General.

13 The Secretary-General may authorize transfers of TC Fund resources, within the approved budgets, for the following purposes:

- .1 to prevent the approved budgets from being tied up unnecessarily; and
- .2 to allow such resources to be transferred to other components of ITCP.

14 In circumstances when demands arise for which resources have not been programmed, the Secretary-General shall seek the Council's approval to draw upon the unprogrammed monies of the TC Fund.

Reporting on progress and impact

15 The Secretariat will report to TCC and the Council* on progress made in the delivery of those ITCP components that are being supported with TC Fund resources. Such reports will include data on:

- .1 the individual programmes that are being delivered with TC Fund resources and their relationship to the Organization's Strategic Plan;
- .2 the results of programme activities in the developing regions; and
- .3 expenditure/transfers authorized on the application of rules 12 to 14.

* Through the reports of TCC sessions to the Council.

16 Every four years, the Secretariat shall submit to TCC and the Council a report providing an evaluation of the impact on the beneficiaries of the assistance delivered through ITCP and the TC Fund resources. The organization and execution of the evaluation shall be financed by the TC Fund.

ANNEX 4

BIENNIAL STATUS REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE FOR THE 2018-2019 BIENNIUM

TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE (TCC)									
Reference to SDs, if applicable	Output number	Description	Target completion year	Parent organ(s)	Associated organ(s)	Coordinating organ	Status of output for Year 1	Status of output for Year 2	References
SD 1 Improve implementation	1.1	Capacity-building aspects of the IMO Audit Scheme reflected in and implemented through the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP)	Continuous	TCC			Completed	In progress	TC 69/3(a)
	1.2	Input on identifying emerging needs of developing countries, in particular SIDS and LDCs to be included in ITCP	Continuous	TCC			Completed	In progress	TC 69/3(b)
	1.4	Analysis of consolidated audit summary reports	Annual	Assembly	MSC/MEPC/LEG/TCC/III		Completed	Ongoing	
	1.6	Monitoring of ITCP programme implemented on the enhancement of maritime training capacities, including middle and senior management levels	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15 and TC 69/3(a)
	1.7	Identify thematic priorities within the area of maritime safety and security, marine environmental protection, facilitation of maritime traffic and maritime legislation	Annual	TCC	MSC/MEPC/FAL/LEG		Completed	Ongoing	

TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE (TCC)									
Reference to SDs, if applicable	Output number	Description	Target completion year	Parent organ(s)	Associated organ(s)	Coordinating organ	Status of output for Year 1	Status of output for Year 2	References
	1.8	Analysis and consideration of reports on National Maritime Transport Policy development and Country Maritime Profiles	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15, TC 69/6(a) and TC 69/6(b)
	1.9	Report on activities within ITCP related to the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15 and TC 69/3(a)
	1.10	Report on ITCP programme on support for SIDS and LDCs for their special shipping needs	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15 and TC 69/3(a)
	1.19	Approve ITCP for 2020-2021	2019	TCC				Ongoing	TC 69/3(b)
SD 4 Engage in ocean governance	4.2	Input in ITCP on emerging issues relating to sustainable development and achievement of the SDGs	2019	TCC	MSC/MEPC/LEG/FAL		Completed	Ongoing	TC 69/3(a)
SD 5 Enhance global facilitation and security of international trade	5.5	Analysis and consideration of reports on the linkages between the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15, TC 69/6(c) and TC 69/6(d)
SD 7 Ensure organizational effectiveness	7.1	Endorsed proposals for the development, maintenance and enhancement of information systems and related guidance (GISIS, websites, etc.)	Continuous	Council	MSC/MEPC/FAL/LEG/TCC		In progress	In progress	

TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE (TCC)									
Reference to SDs, if applicable	Output number	Description	Target completion year	Parent organ(s)	Associated organ(s)	Coordinating organ	Status of output for Year 1	Status of output for Year 2	References
	7.3	Analysis and consideration of reports on partnership arrangements for, and implementation of, environmental programmes	Annual	TCC	MEPC		Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15 and TC 69/4(c)
	7.4	Analysis and consideration of reports on the TC Fund, voluntary trust funds, multi/bilateral funds, cash contributions and in-kind support under ITCP	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15 and TC 69/4(d)
	7.5	Analysis and consideration of reports on the implementation of the approved mechanism for sustainable financing of ITCP	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/4(a) and TC 69/4(a)
	7.6	Monitoring measures on new and cost-effective measures to deliver technical assistance	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15
	7.7	Approved annual report on ITCP implementation	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 69/3(a)
	7.9	Revised documents on organization and method of work, as appropriate	2019	Council	MSC/ MEPC/ LEG/ FAL/ TCC		Completed		TC 68/11
	7.10	Analysis and consideration of reports on implementation of resolution A.1128(30) on <i>Financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme</i>	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15 and TC 69/4(d)

TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE (TCC)									
Reference to SDs, if applicable	Output number	Description	Target completion year	Parent organ(s)	Associated organ(s)	Coordinating organ	Status of output for Year 1	Status of output for Year 2	References
	7.11	Review and status of implementation of the recommendations of the Impact Assessment Exercise for the period 2012-2015	2019	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15 and TC 69/9
Other Work	OW 11	Monitoring of South-South cooperation reflected in ITCP and partnerships	Continuous	TCC			Completed	In progress	TC 68/15
	OW 21	Analysis and consideration of reports on strengthened regional associations for women managers in the maritime sector	Annual	TCC			Completed	Ongoing	TC 68/15 and TC 69/10
	OW 23	Cooperate with the United Nations on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance	2019	Assembly	MSC/ MEPC/ FAL/LEG/ TCC		Ongoing	Ongoing	
	OW 24	Cooperate with other international bodies on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance	2019	Assembly	MSC/ MEPC/ FAL/LEG/ TCC		Ongoing	Ongoing	

ANNEX 5

SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE PERIOD 2020-2023

Seventieth session of the Committee (June 2020)

Work of other bodies and organizations

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP): Annual Report for 2019

Resource mobilization and partnerships:

- (a) Implementation of the Long-term Resource Mobilization Strategy
- (b) Partnership arrangements
- (c) Financial contributions to the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Regional presence and coordination

IMO Member State Audit Scheme

Capacity-building: Strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector

Global maritime training institutions

Application of the document on the *Organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee*

Work programme

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021

Any other business

Consideration of the report of the Committee on its seventieth session

Seventy-first session of the Committee (June 2021)

Work of other bodies and organizations

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP):

- (a) Annual Report for 2020
- (b) Programme and Technical Cooperation Fund Allocation for 2022 and 2023

Resource mobilization and partnerships:

- (a) Implementation of the Long-term Resource Mobilization Strategy
- (b) Partnership arrangements
- (c) Financial contributions to the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme

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Global maritime training institutions

Report of the evaluation of the ITCP activities for the period 2016-2019

Application of the document on the *Organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee*

Work programme

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022

Any other business

Consideration of the report of the Committee on its seventy-first session

Seventy-second session of the Committee (June 2022)

Work of other bodies and organizations

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP): Annual Report for 2021

Resource mobilization and partnerships:

- (a) Implementation of the Long-term Resource Mobilization Strategy
- (b) Partnership arrangements
- (c) Financial contributions to the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme

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Status of implementation of the recommendations from the report of the evaluation of the ITCP activities for the period 2016-2019

Application of the document on the *Organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee*

Work programme

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023

Any other business

Consideration of the report of the Committee on its seventy-second session

Seventy-third session of the Committee (June 2023)

Work of other bodies and organizations

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP):

- (a) Annual Report for 2022
- (b) Programme and Technical Cooperation Fund Allocation for 2024 and 2025

Resource mobilization and partnerships:

- (a) Implementation of the Long-term Resource Mobilization Strategy
- (b) Partnership arrangements
- (c) Financial contributions to the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme

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Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2024

Any other business

Consideration of the report of the Committee on its seventy-third session

ANNEX 6

STATEMENTS BY DELEGATIONS

Item 5

Statement by Liberia

Thank you, Mr. Chair and good afternoon to distinguished delegates and observers.

This delegation would like to express appreciation to the Secretariat for its continuous efforts to finding sustainable solutions to a long-term strategy or strategies for the review and reform of IMO's technical cooperation.

The importance of technical cooperation to developing countries through the instrumentality of the ITCP cannot be overstated. It is therefore in that regard that this delegation supports the Secretariat's work on this subject matter.

We look forward to an independent and transparent but detailed analysis of IMO's technical cooperation, including the analysis of strategies with a view to determine which strategy would best serve both the interest of beneficiary countries of technical cooperation as well as ease the work of the secretariat both human and financial.

This delegation would appreciate it very much if this statement is annexed to the report of the Committee on this specific agenda item.

Thank you, Chair.

Item 7

Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran

In general, we are in favour of broadening of regional presence. However, we are of the opinion that we should keep this in abeyance till completion of the Functional Review and development of a long-term strategy for the review and reform of IMO's technical cooperation. Hence, for the time being and in the current format, this proposal is not welcomed by this delegation. We fully share the sentiment expressed by Malta and China and others.

This delegation has also noticed the use of the incorrect term "Arab Gulf" in the document TC 69/7/2 by distinguished delegate of Egypt and that the delegation may wish to record its concern over the incorrect use of historical terms, and takes the opportunity to draw the attention of our colleague that according to UN resolution ST/CS/SER.A/29 of 10 January 1990 the body of water between the Arabian Peninsula and the Islamic Republic of Iran is called Persian Gulf and hence urge all Member States of IMO to use the correct name of "Persian Gulf" in their documents and interventions.