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REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE ON ITS SIXTY-FOURTH SESSION

1 GENERAL

Introduction

1.1 The Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC) held its sixty-fourth session from 11 to 13 June 2014, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nancy Karigithu (Kenya). The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia), was also present.

1.2 The session was attended by delegations from 75 Member States, one Associate Member, seven intergovernmental organizations and six non-governmental organizations (document TC 64/INF.1 (Secretariat)).

The Secretary-General's opening address

1.3 The Secretary-General welcomed participants and delivered his opening address, the full text of which can be downloaded from the IMO website at the following link: <http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/SecretaryGeneral/Secretary-GeneralsSpeechesToMeetings>.

Opening remarks by delegations

1.4 In view of the lives lost following the sinking of the **Sewol**, and other accidents around the world, the Secretary-General's call for cooperation and a new approach in addressing domestic ferry safety and his intention to revise and strengthen the related technical assistance programme were positively received by the Committee.

1.5 The Committee once again recognized the number of people who perished each year while being smuggled as illegal migrants using small craft in the Mediterranean Sea and other regions as a matter of great concern. The Committee recalled that IMO had put in place, over the previous 10 years, various measures to deal with the matter, at least as far as issues within its mandate were concerned, and that the Organization had actively pursued inter-agency cooperation on the matter. The Secretary-General advised that, notwithstanding the nature of the difficulties involved and in the interest of keeping the search and rescue of persons in distress at sea intact, he was considering the matter anew and might explore the possibility of reviving the inter-agency cooperation. Nevertheless, the Committee acknowledged the fact that such types of accident could be prevented if coastal States effectively controlled the departure of small craft from their coasts.

1.6 The delegation of Malta proposed that the Committee might wish to consider recommending to the Council, and through the Council to other committees, that students on internship at IMO or who were attending courses at the World Maritime University or the IMO International Maritime Law Institute should automatically be granted permission as a matter of principle to observe the proceedings of IMO meetings, without having to obtain the express consent of the IMO body concerned each time. That standing arrangement could be put in place by the various IMO bodies on the understanding that it could be revoked or suspended at any time, and on condition that the chairman of the IMO body concerned would have the option to recommend to the IMO body concerned that interns should not be allowed to observe specific parts of the proceedings involving the discussion of matters of a sensitive nature.

Adoption of the agenda

1.7 The Committee adopted the provisional agenda set out in document TC 64/1 (Secretariat) as the agenda for the session and agreed to take up the items for consideration in the order in which they appeared in the agenda.

2 WORK OF OTHER BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

2.1 The Committee noted the information provided in documents TC 64/2 and TC 64/2/Add.1 (Secretariat) in connection with the technical cooperation-related outcome of the sessions of IMO bodies that had met since its previous session, namely C 110, LC 35/LP 8, C/ES 27, A 28, MEPC 66, LEG 101 and MSC 93.

3 INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Annual report on 2013

3.1 The Committee had before it two documents relating to the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) Annual Report on 2013. Document TC 64/3 (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 64/3/Add.1 (Secretariat) provided, in annex 2, an overview of financial resource delivery of the ITCP through the presentation of expenditure analyses.

3.2 The Committee was informed that the results of ITCP implementation showed that 292 activities had been planned, delivered or ongoing during 2013. This number included, inter alia, the implementation of 24 advisory and needs assessment missions, and 119 training courses, seminars and workshops held at the national, regional and global levels. These training events had covered an extensive range of maritime topics and resulted in the training of approximately 3,480 persons worldwide. In addition, another 79 fellows had completed fellowships in the maritime field, and 1,636 officials had 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 2013 had reached \$15.3 million, representing a delivery rate of 87% of the resources programmed for that year, equal to the highest ever delivery rate achieved under the ITCP (in 2011). The profile of resource disbursement featured 21 sources of funding, with the Technical Cooperation Fund being the most significant, at \$7.3 million, representing 48% of the overall total funds expended.

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

3.5 The delegations that spoke expressed their appreciation for the detailed, concise and transparent report and for the ITCP activities delivered in 2013, noting the importance and role of the IMO regional presence offices in their effective implementation. Several delegations provided additional information and details on the activities that were delivered in their countries and/or regions. In addition, a number of other delegations made specific requests for future technical cooperation assistance, which were noted.

3.6 The delegations that spoke, expressing condolences to the delegation of the Republic of Korea on the capsizing of the **Sewol** ferry and loss of lives, also supported the Secretary-General's call for increased attention to the issue of domestic ferry safety and the establishment of a new project to strengthen the existing ITCP on domestic ferry safety. In this context, a suggestion was also made to hold subregional forums on domestic ferry safety in all regions, similar to those held for the Asia and Pacific regions in 2011 (Indonesia) and 2013 (China).

3.7 One delegation, noting that the initial regional meetings of heads of maritime administrations had been very useful, suggested conducting similar meetings in all regions. The Secretariat replied that these meetings were included in the ITCP programme for 2014-2015 for all regions.

3.8 Two delegations queried activities listed as cancelled for 2013, and the reasons for their cancellation, and one of them suggested that consideration should be given to including in future annual reports the reasons or explanations for cancellations. The Secretariat confirmed that activities listed as cancelled would not be rescheduled, whereas those listed as postponed were planned to take place in 2014. The Secretariat also pointed out that the reasons for postponement or cancellation of activities varied, and referred the Committee to Council document C 112/4(b)/1 containing the External Auditor's report detailing the reasons.

3.9 One delegation suggested that outcomes, as well as outputs, of individual activities should be listed in future annual reports. The Secretariat observed that it was not possible to establish the long-term outcomes, such as becoming a party to an IMO instrument, shortly after completion of an activity. Rather, these were assessed and reported through the Impact Assessment Exercise every four years. Another delegation raised the issue of the methodology for evaluating the impact of ITCP programmes. The Secretariat stated that this would be addressed under agenda item 11 and that the methodology for the Impact Assessment Exercise on 2012-2015 was scheduled for discussion at the next session of the Committee.

3.10 The delegation of the Philippines expressed appreciation for recent activities delivered by IMO in the country and pledged \$40,000 to the ITCP for the delivery of IMO model courses in the Philippines.

3.11 The Secretariat thanked the Committee for supporting the ITCP Annual Report on 2013, and encouraged the delegations that had requested further technical assistance to input and update the information in their respective Country Maritime Profiles in the relevant GISIS module on the IMO website.

3.12 The Committee noted the information provided in the ITCP Annual Report on 2013 (documents TC 64/3 and TC 64/3/Add.1 (Secretariat)) and expressed its gratitude to all donors for their cash contributions to the bilateral and multilateral technical cooperation trust funds and to other Member States for their in-kind support that had facilitated the implementation of ITCP activities.

3.13 The Committee further noted that the ITCP Annual Report on 2013 would be placed on the Technical Cooperation page of the IMO website.

Second regional meeting on the operational safety of domestic ferries

3.14 The Committee noted the information provided by the delegation of China when presenting document TC 64/INF.2 (Australia et al.) on the outcome of the second regional meeting on the operational safety of domestic ferries held in Nanjing, China, in October 2013.

4 SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OF THE ITCP

4.1 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 64/4 (Secretariat) on the status of voluntary funds and cash donations made to IMO technical cooperation activities since the previous session of the Committee, as well as the updated information on developments related to sustainable financing of the ITCP.

4.2 The Committee was informed that there were 14 financial arrangements in operation, nine of which had been established with government agencies of Canada (x3), Egypt, Italy, Norway (x2), the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom, and the remainder with international and regional organizations and industry. The Committee noted that notwithstanding the current global economic climate, from 1 May 2013 to date some \$6.5 million had been contributed to the seven multi-donor trust funds and financial arrangements held by IMO, and that one-off cash donations to specific ITCP activities had amounted to \$480,355.

4.3 The Committee was further informed that since document TC 64/4 (Secretariat) had been issued, six new contributions had been received: \$49,899 had been contributed by Bahrain to the SAR Fund, \$16,835 by Malta to the IMO Djibouti Code of Conduct Trust Fund and \$9,901 by Norway to the London Convention/Protocol Technical Cooperation Trust Fund. In addition, three new contributions had been received from the Republic of Korea, the European Union and the United Nations Environment Programme of \$547,350, \$424,810 and \$75,000, respectively, through bilateral arrangements in operation. The Committee also noted that Malta and the United Kingdom had donated their accumulated earnings under the Contributions Incentive Scheme during 1998-2005 for technical assistance purposes. It was emphasized that these donations carried no expectation of continuation and they were therefore in essence not part of a sustainable financing mechanism.

4.4 The major donors to the newly established West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund, including China, Japan and the United Kingdom, were commended by a number of delegations for their significant financial support. That fund, which at the time of the session stood at \$1.37 million, would place the Gulf of Guinea on the front line for the eradication of piracy and armed robbery against ships and the enhancement of maritime security in west and central Africa, through an integrated approach that would, at the same time, benefit other interests of the coastal States involved.

4.5 Given that the cash donations received in 2013 carried no expectation of continuation, concern was raised that those funds should be managed carefully to maximize their effectiveness, and that the views of beneficiaries in particular, rather than donor priorities, should be the deciding factor when planning technical assistance. One delegation suggested that consideration should be given to supporting training programmes through the Organization's regular budget. In response to the concerns expressed, the Secretariat provided an explanation of the current funding matrix for technical cooperation, which provided a number of funding modalities for donors. In all cases, the decision to implement an activity was discussed and agreed with the beneficiaries and other stakeholders prior to any commitment on the part of IMO.

4.6 The Secretary-General reaffirmed that all beneficiaries involved in an expanded programme of capacity-building activities in west and central Africa, funded through the West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund, would be consulted to ensure that their views were taken into account during planning and implementation, and that all donors would be kept informed by establishing a mechanism to bridge the views of donor countries and beneficiaries.

4.7 On the issue of sustainable financing of the ITCP, the Committee noted that, looking ahead, the Organization faced the challenge of addressing the lack of visibility of its normative mandate, which contributed to sustainable development. The Committee was informed that, as part of the Secretary-General's initiative on the review and reform of technical cooperation, the Organization was redesigning its funding strategy in order to respond effectively to the envisaged increase in technical cooperation requests arising from the outcome of the IMO Member State Audit Scheme when it became mandatory in 2016, and from the utilization of the Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs) as a benchmark for short- and medium-term gap analysis. Placing national priorities would be at the centre of the new technical cooperation approach, as outlined by the Secretary-General, in which the CMPs represented the first vital step in ensuring that the real needs of developing countries were captured fully and incorporated into the planning of the ITCP. Once that was achieved, the next step would be to secure funds to address those needs, and so a mechanism, including the required human resources, would need to be put in place and activated in order to enable IMO to reach donor communities and hitherto untapped revenue streams.

4.8 The Committee expressed its appreciation to all donors who had made contributions to IMO technical cooperation activities through various arrangements. Furthermore, following the inclusion of IMO in the OECD/DAC¹ list, Member States of the OECD and international and regional organizations were urged to make financial contributions to the ITCP through their Official Development Assistance budgetary allocations.

5 LINKAGE BETWEEN THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME AND THE MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Implementation of resolution A.1006(25)

5.1 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 64/5 (Secretariat) concerning developments with regard to the status of the promotion and implementation of Assembly resolution A.1006(25) on *The linkage between the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme and the Millennium Development Goals*.

¹ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)/Development Assistance Committee (DAC)

5.2 The Committee noted, in particular, the ITCP activities implemented relating to SAR and GMDSS, safety of non-SOLAS vessels and protection of the marine environment, and further noted improvement in partnership arrangements, the combat against HIV/AIDS and promotion of gender equality in the maritime sector, which also contributed to the MDGs.

5.3 The delegation of Cameroon expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for the work done so far in relation to the Demonstration Project aimed at highlighting the role of maritime transport facilitation in the reduction of poverty (MDG1), using Cameroon as a case study. The delegation further requested the Secretariat to consider the recruitment of a national counterpart to work with IMO consultants for the remainder of the project as part of capacity building and the sustainability of the project.

5.4 One delegation made a suggestion to the effect that the Secretariat should prepare a stand-alone report of the Demonstration Project against the backdrop of its terms of reference (ToRs), which had been developed and approved by the Committee at its sixty-second session, so that the progress of the project could be evaluated and measured against the ToRs.

5.5 The observer delegation of the Port Management Association of West and Central Africa (PMAWCA) expressed the Association's gratitude to the Secretariat for the Impact Assessment study of HIV/AIDS in PMAWCA ports carried out in four ports in the region. The delegation further requested the Secretariat to consider extending the study to at least 10 of the 28 ports in the region in order to strengthen awareness and provide a representative analysis of the situation in the region's ports.

Post-2015 development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals

5.6 In his contribution, the Secretary-General pointed out that 2015 would be an important year for the MDGs and he reiterated the importance of the work of IMO on the linkage between the MDGs and the ITCP. The Secretary-General informed the Committee that the Secretariat would prepare a document for consideration by the Committee at its next session summarizing the IMO contribution towards achieving the MDGs and taking into account the ongoing work of the United Nations system on the post-2015 development agenda, so as to close the MDGs chapter and move together with the rest of the United Nations system to the post-2015 agenda. Furthermore, the Secretary-General noted that IMO would need to continue to discuss the ITCP in the wider context of sustainable development, as international maritime transport was key to and underpinned socioeconomic development and growth. IMO would also need to develop any linkage(s) between its work and the post-2015 development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Sustainable sea transport in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories

5.7 The Committee also noted the information provided in document TC 64/INF.9 (Fiji) on sustainable sea transport in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories.

6 PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRESS

6.1 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 64/6 (Secretariat) on the progress made in the delivery of technical assistance through regional coordination in Africa, East Asia and the Caribbean, as well as with the support of partners. Updated information on the status of implementation of resolution A.965(23) on the *Development and improvement of partnership arrangements for technical co-operation* was also provided.

Regional coordination

6.2 The Committee noted that through the regional coordination mechanism, as well as through the activities delegated to regional institutions and organizations, significant improvement had been made in the delivery of the ITCP, and the outputs achieved demonstrated a positive impact in all regions.

6.3 The benefits derived from the assistance provided by the IMO regional presence offices were highly commended by a number of delegations.

6.4 The Committee expressed its appreciation to the host countries of the IMO regional presence offices in Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya and the Philippines for the facilities that they had provided.

Partnership arrangements

6.5 The Committee was informed that the Secretariat had continued its efforts to develop and improve partnership arrangements, resulting in an increase in the number of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and Agreements, and noted that 12 new arrangements had been established since the previous session of the Committee.

6.6 It noted that 75 partnerships were currently in operation for the delivery of technical cooperation activities, 43 of which had been concluded with developing and developed countries and territories and 32 with international organizations, regional institutions and industry. The Committee was informed that three new arrangements had been established since document TC 64/6 (Secretariat) had been prepared, namely: two Cooperation Agreements between IMO and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and IMO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), respectively, which provided a framework for the identification of common technical cooperation activities on capacity-building matters; and an Agreement between IMO and UNEP with a view to establishing a Global Partnership on Marine Litter.

6.7 The delegation of Côte d'Ivoire offered hostship facilities at its regional maritime academy to conduct IMO training events. In support of capacity building for the safety of navigation in particular, the delegation of Malaysia offered to deliver, within the framework of the Malaysia-IMO MoU, courses for IMO at its new regional maritime training centre in Port Klang, which, once completed, would provide state-of-the-art facilities for bespoke training programmes, including IALA model courses facilitated by the IALA World-Wide Academy.

6.8 The Committee expressed its appreciation to all technical cooperation partners for their financial contributions and in-kind support to implement the ITCP effectively. It noted that the outcomes achieved through partnership assistance contributed substantially to the effective delivery of ITCP activities.

Developments in the Pacific region

6.9 The Committee noted the information provided by the secretariat of the Pacific Community in document TC 64/INF.3 on the Second Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers' Meeting, which had been held in April 2014, and in document TC 64/INF.4 on activities and programmes for improved operational safety of maritime traffic in the Pacific Islands region.

IALA World-Wide Academy

6.10 The Committee further noted the information provided by IALA in document TC 64/INF.5 on the development of the IALA World-Wide Academy from 2012 to 2014.

IHO Capacity-Building Programme

6.11 The Committee also noted the information provided by IHO in document TC 64/INF.8/Rev.1 on the activities delivered under the IHO Capacity-Building Programme.

7 VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME

7.1 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 64/7 (Secretariat) on the status of implementation of the global programme on the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme and the activities delivered since the previous session of the Committee.

7.2 The Committee was informed that since IMO had started delivering training courses for auditors under the ITCP, a total of 600 individuals from 150 countries had been trained through 38 regional and national activities. In addition, a lead-auditor training course based on the provisions of Assembly resolutions A.1067(28)² and A.1070(28)³ would be developed in 2014.

7.3 The Committee was also reminded that the Secretariat was exploring a mechanism proposed by the Secretary-General that would take into account, when developing the ITCP, the information provided through the Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs) and the outcome of the audits as input for the programming of the technical assistance. In this regard, the Committee urged Member States to complete their CMPs in the relevant GISIS module on the IMO website as soon as possible if they had not yet done so, and, if they had, to keep them up to date.

7.4 The delegations that spoke supported the proposal to establish a mechanism linking the outcome of the audits with the CMPs that would facilitate the identification of capacity-building needs of Member States and the tailored programming of the ITCP.

7.5 The Committee noted that, in relation to the implementation of the IMO Member State Audit Scheme as a mandatory scheme, the Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its sixty-sixth session, and the Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-third session, had adopted, inter alia, the required amendments to the instruments that were made mandatory under the audit scheme, namely, the 1974 SOLAS Convention and its 1988 Protocol, the 1966 Load Lines Convention and its 1988 Protocol, MARPOL Annexes I to VI, the 1978 STCW Convention, the 1969 TONNAGE Convention and the 1972 COLREG Convention. Those amendments would enter into force on 1 January 2016 and through them the IMO Member States Audit Scheme would be made mandatory.

7.6 The Committee noted that the introduction of the mandatory IMO Member State Audit Scheme from 2016 was expected to lead to an increase in the requests for technical assistance and, consequently, an increase in the overall size of the ITCP and thus of the funds necessary to deliver all expectations. As a result, the Committee urged Member States, organizations and industry to make further contributions to the ITCP to support the effective implementation of the scheme, as well as other emerging needs.

² Resolution A.1067(28) on *Framework and Procedures for the IMO Member State Audit Scheme*.

³ Resolution A.1070(28) on *IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)*.

8 CAPACITY BUILDING: STRENGTHENING THE IMPACT OF WOMEN IN THE MARITIME SECTOR

Programme on the integration of women in the maritime sector

8.1 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 64/8 (Secretariat) on the activities implemented under the Programme for the Integration of Women in the Maritime Sector from January to December 2013, together with key outcomes from January to March 2014. It was noted that during the 25 years of operation of that capacity-building programme, over 400 women maritime administrators had received training fellowships, two medium-term strategies had been implemented and six regional associations established with IMO support.

8.2 Special consideration was given, in particular, to the commitments and undertakings set out in the Busan Declaration (document TC 64/8 (Secretariat), annex 1), as adopted by the IMO Regional Conference on the Development of a Global Strategy for Women Seafarers, held in Busan, the Republic of Korea, in April 2013. Stating its continuing commitment to the IMO gender programme, the delegation of the Republic of Korea expressed the view that there was scope for further expansion of the programme and pledged to support training and capacity building to promote MDG3.

8.3 Updated information provided by a number of delegations on the current status of maritime women in their respective countries revealed that substantial progress had been made, with women attaining senior managerial posts within maritime and port administrations and maritime training institutes. The Organization, commended for its long-standing gender programme, had achieved considerable impact across the regions: a survey conducted in the Caribbean had revealed that of the 40 senior female officials who had responded, some 90% had attributed their career progression to the high-level post-graduate training received, through the auspices of IMO, at the World Maritime University (WMU) in particular.

8.4 It was indicated that these success stories, put forward to the Committee by a number of delegations, clearly validated the basic premise of the IMO Programme for the Integration of Women in the Maritime Sector, which was that training empowered and facilitated real career progression. If such progress became fully embedded in the strategic national gender training and employment practices, it could be hoped, stated one delegation, that one day in the future there might no longer be a need for that global programme.

8.5 As a result of the above, a request was made for the establishment, with IMO support, of a Caribbean association for women in the maritime sector to facilitate professional networking, promote maritime career mobility and provide a force for change and development.

8.6 A study conducted by the Philippines National Maritime Women Association (WIMAPHIL) also revealed significant increases not only in the number of women in the maritime sector, but in particular in the high-ranking posts that they now occupied. The close cooperation between the Philippines Maritime Administration and WIMAPHIL had resulted in round-table discussions on the implementation of the "She to Sea Campaign" to encourage young women into the seafaring profession.

8.7 The Committee noted the outcomes set out in the Seminar Declaration (annex 2 to document TC 64/8 (Secretariat)), adopted by the follow-up seminar to the Regional Conference on the Role of Women in Management Roles in the Maritime Sector, held in Panama City, Panama, from 18 to 20 February 2014.

8.8 The Committee also noted the information provided in documents TC 64/INF.6 (Secretariat), on the establishment of the World Maritime University Women's Association, and TC 64/INF.7 (Secretariat), on the Second International Conference on Maritime Women: Global Leadership, held under the auspices of WMU in Malmö, Sweden, from 30 March to 1 April 2014.

8.9 The Committee expressed its deep appreciation to Member States, organizations and shipping industry stakeholders, as well as to all women and men, who through their kind and generous support, active participation and diligent efforts had enabled the convening, hosting and successful outcomes of the various events reported in document TC 64/8 (Secretariat) and, through these, the furtherance of the Organization's efforts in relation to the integration of women in the maritime sector, which was one of the high-level actions envisaged by the High-level Action Plan for 2014 and 2015.

Capacity building: strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector

8.10 The Committee considered document TC 64/8/1 (Argentina and Chile), which proposed a modification to the Country Maritime Profile (CMP) template with a view to improving knowledge about the issue of integration of women in the maritime sector.

8.11 The proposal had been drafted as an outcome of the Regional Conference on the Role of Women in Management Roles in the Maritime Sector held in March 2012 in Panama, the Central American conference on women port marine personnel held in October 2012 in Nicaragua and the follow-up seminar to the Regional Conference on the Role of Women in Management Roles in the Maritime Sector held in February 2014 in Panama.

8.12 The Committee concurred with the proposal of Argentina and Chile (TC 64/8/1) and noted that the Secretariat would make the necessary amendments to the CMP to capture the number of female employees, in professional categories and higher, within the national maritime administration and the availability of a formal national mechanism for the integration of women in the maritime sector. In addition and as a result of suggestions made during the consideration of the issue, the Secretariat would consider what amendments needed to be made for the purposes of capturing similar information in relation to the seafaring profession.

9 GLOBAL MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

9.1 The Committee noted the summary of activities undertaken in 2013 by the World Maritime University (WMU), the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) and the International Maritime Safety, Security and Environment Academy (IMSSEA) provided in document TC 64/9 (Secretariat) on global maritime training institutions. The Committee was also informed that the comprehensive annual reports of the WMU and IMLI governing bodies, which included full income and expenditure reports, were available in the following Council documents: C 112/11(a) and C 112/11(b) for WMU, and C 112/12(a) and C 112/12(b) for IMLI.

9.2 The Committee also noted the information provided by the Secretary-General and WMU Chancellor on a number of recent key developments relating to WMU, in particular that:

- .1 the construction of the new premises of the University was progressing; it was envisaged to start moving to the new premises towards the end of 2014; and their inauguration was tentatively scheduled for 2015, in conjunction with the next session of the WMU Board of Governors;

- .2 the University had launched a campaign to find sponsors to outfit its new academic premises with modern equipment and facilities and, in particular, for its audiovisual conference facilities, maritime library and research rooms;
- .3 on 16 March 2014, Dr. Björn Kjerfve had submitted his resignation, with effect from 20 June 2014, from the post of WMU President, and as a result the WMU Chancellor had appointed the WMU Vice-President (Academic), Professor Neil Bellefontaine, as WMU Acting President from 1 June 2014, pending the appointment of a new President; and
- .4 the vacancy notice for the post of the WMU President had been published on 23 May 2014 and also promulgated through IMO Circular Letter No.3455.

9.3 The Committee, bearing in mind the information provided by the Secretary-General in relation to WMU:

- .1 strongly urged willing Member States and shipping industry stakeholders to contact WMU to establish what they can offer, in terms of equipment and facilities, to support the transition to a new academic campus in Malmö in early 2015;
- .2 expressed its thanks and appreciation to the Government of Sweden for recognizing the University as a higher education provider having the power to confer degrees in Sweden;
- .3 urged Member States to take action so as to recognize, under their domestic laws, the degrees conferred by the University and to inform the Organization; and
- .4 recognized and appreciated the services Dr. Kjerfve had rendered to the University and to IMO during his five years at the helm of WMU.

10 APPLICATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S GUIDELINES

10.1 The Committee noted (document TC 64/10 (Secretariat)) that the Assembly had, at its twenty-eighth session, adopted resolution A.1062(28) on *Guidelines on the application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization* (the Guidelines), through which it had requested the Council and committees to review and revise the guidelines for the organization and method of their work, taking into account the salient provisions of the Guidelines.

10.2 As a result, the Committee adopted the draft revised guidelines set out in the annex to document TC 64/10 (Secretariat) as the *Guidelines on organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee* and requested the Secretariat to promulgate these under cover of a TC.1 circular, revoking at the same time TC.1/Circ.66 which set out the previous version of the guidelines.

11 WORK PROGRAMME

Outcome of A 28

11.1 The Committee noted (document TC 64/11 (Secretariat)) that the Assembly had, at its twenty-eighth session, adopted resolution A.1060(28) on *Strategic Plan for the Organization (for the six-year period 2014 to 2019)*, resolution A.1061(28) on *High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium* and resolution A.1062(28) on *Guidelines on the application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization*, which were of direct relevance to the work of the Committee and required the Committee to take a number of related actions.

Biennial status report and proposed provisional agenda

11.2 The Committee, in response to the above-mentioned resolutions, approved the biennial status report and outputs for the Committee in the 2014-2015 biennium, as set out in annex 1, and the substantive items to be included in the provisional agenda for the period 2015 to 2018, as set out in annex 2.

12 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

12.1 Under rule 16(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Technical Cooperation Committee, every calendar year the Committee elected its chairman and vice-chairman, who held office for a term of one calendar year.

12.2 The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mrs. Nancy Karigithu (Kenya), as its Chairman, and Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia), as its Vice-Chairman, for 2015.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Implementation of resolution A.1069(28)

13.1 The Committee considered document TC 64/13 (Angola et al.) regarding the implementation of resolution A.1069(28) on *Prevention and suppression of piracy, armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activity in the Gulf of Guinea*. The document sought to highlight a potential point of cooperation between the Organization and relevant stakeholders from the Gulf of Guinea in order to realize the objectives of resolution A.1069(28).

13.2 The Committee was informed by the Secretariat of the activities being undertaken in support of the implementation of the provisions of resolution A.1069(28) by IMO in cooperation with regional bodies and stakeholders in the African region. Furthermore, the Committee was informed that the Secretariat was investigating a funding opportunity to provide direct support for the creation and structuring of an interregional coordination centre for the implementation of the regional strategy for maritime safety and security that would complement ongoing technical cooperation activities.

13.3 The delegation of Cameroon made a statement on the matter which, at its request, is attached as annex 3 in the language in which it was provided to the Secretariat.

13.4 The Committee, bearing in mind that matters had progressed since the submission of document TC 64/13 (Angola et al.) and the information provided by the Secretariat, noted the information provided in that document.

Country Maritime Profiles

13.5 The Committee considered document TC 64/WP.2 (Secretariat) on Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs), providing a first brief analysis of the data that the Member States had communicated to IMO in relation to their CMPs.

13.6 The Committee, in considering the matter:

- .1 reaffirmed its previous decisions that the CMPs were not intended to replace national or regional technical cooperation related events and that the ITCP should continue to include a right mixture of national and regional events, as the latter were key to developing intraregional cooperation and coordination;
- .2 recognized that, at this stage, the CMP was still a work in progress and would be further developed by the Committee taking into account the experience gained from its use so as to include the minimum and essential questions in the context of what was intended;
- .3 agreed that the CMP was one of several tools that the Secretariat could use in developing proposals to be included in the ITCP and that it was not the sole or exclusive tool being used to that end, in particular at this stage, when the CMP concept was still being developed and refined;
- .4 noted the suggestion that consideration might need to be given to the development of regional or subregional CMPs which would reflect the collective views of the countries of the specific region concerned;
- .5 also noted the suggestion that the questions in the CMPs might need to be reviewed so as to ensure that the information requirements were optimized and any ambiguities were removed, enabling those completing the CMPs to answer with confidence and ensuring consistent and harmonized provision of data; and
- .6 recognized that the completion and updating of the CMPs should not lead to an increase on the administrative burden of Member States, especially if the CMP template was to be amended at frequent intervals.

13.7 The Committee:

- .1 urged Member States that had not yet provided their CMPs to do so as soon as possible, and to update them as and when it became necessary so as to provide current and correct information; it also urged Member States that had already provided their CMPs to ensure that they were kept up to date;
- .2 noted the intention of the Secretariat to modify the CMP to provide a way for Member States to communicate their technical assistance needs in a structured manner and, in this respect, that it would keep the Member States informed by issuing appropriate circulars, as the circumstances warranted;

- .3 noted that the proposals of the Secretariat for the ITCP for the 2016-2017 biennium would take into account – for the first time, to the extent that this was possible, and among others – the CMPs available in the relevant GISIS module on the IMO website at the beginning of 2015; and
- .4 noted the intention of the Secretariat to submit for consideration by the Committee, at its next session, an analysis of the CMPs that would be available in the relevant GISIS module on the IMO website at the beginning of 2015 with a view to enabling the Committee to refine and target the CMPs for their intended uses as tools in the planning of the ITCP.

Fifteenth session of the Asia-Pacific Heads of Maritime Agencies forum

13.8 The delegation of Australia provided to the Committee information on the fifteenth session of the Asia-Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies (APHoMSA) forum which had been held in Fiji in May 2014, and in particular on the adopted strategy for 2014-2020, which was based on the four pillars, namely regional cooperation, protection of the marine environment, safety at sea (including seafarer welfare) and maritime incident response. The Committee noted that APHoMSA recognized technical cooperation and capacity building as key issues for the region to be achieved in close cooperation with IMO, Tokyo MoU, IALA and APHoMSA members.

Date and place of the next session

13.9 The Committee noted that its next session had been tentatively scheduled to take place at IMO Headquarters from Tuesday, 23 June 2015, to Thursday, 25 June 2015.

ANNEX 1

BIENNIAL STATUS REPORT AND OUTPUTS FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2014 AND 2015

Technical Cooperation Committee								
Planned output number	Description ⁴	Target completion year	Parent organ(s)	Coordinating organ(s)	Associated organ(s)	Status of output for Year 1	Status of output for Year 2	References
1.1.1.1	Cooperate with the United Nations on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance	Annual	Assembly	Council	MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG / TCC			
1.1.2.1	Cooperate with other international bodies on matters of mutual interest, as well as provide relevant input/guidance	Annual	Assembly	Council	MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG / TCC			
2.0.2.2	Capacity-building aspects of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme reflected in and implemented through the ITCP	Continuous	TCC					
3.1.1.1	Analysis and consideration of reports on partnership arrangements for, and on implementation of, environmental programmes	Annual	TCC					

⁴ Output descriptions aligned with resolution A.1061(28).

Technical Cooperation Committee								
Planned output number	Description ⁴	Target completion year	Parent organ(s)	Coordinating organ(s)	Associated organ(s)	Status of output for Year 1	Status of output for Year 2	References
3.1.2.1	Analysis and consideration of reports on implementation of resolution A.965(23) on <i>Development and improvement of partnership arrangements for technical cooperation</i>	Annual	TCC					
3.1.3.1	Monitoring of ITCP programme implemented on the enhancement of maritime training capacities, including middle and senior management levels	Annual	TCC					
3.2.1.1	Monitoring of TCDC reflected in the ITCP and partnerships	Continuous	TCC					
3.2.1.2	Analysis and consideration of reports on the TC Fund, voluntary trust funds, multi-bilateral funds, cash contributions and in-kind support under the ITCP	Annual	TCC					
3.2.2.1	Analysis and consideration of reports on the implementation of the approved mechanism for sustainable financing of the ITCP	Annual	TCC					

Technical Cooperation Committee								
Planned output number	Description ⁴	Target completion year	Parent organ(s)	Coordinating organ(s)	Associated organ(s)	Status of output for Year 1	Status of output for Year 2	References
3.3.1.1	Analysis and consideration of reports on the promotion and implementation of resolution A.1006(25) on <i>The linkage between the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme and the Millennium Development Goals</i>	Annual	TCC					
3.4.1.1	Input on identifying emerging needs of developing countries, in particular SIDS and LDCs to be included in the ITCP	Continuous	TCC		MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG			
3.4.1.2	Approved ITCP for 2016-2017	2015	TCC					
3.5.1.1	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			
3.5.1.2	Input to the ITCP on emerging issues relating to sustainable development and achievement of the MDGs	2015	TCC		MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG			

Technical Cooperation Committee								
Planned output number	Description ⁴	Target completion year	Parent organ(s)	Coordinating organ(s)	Associated organ(s)	Status of output for Year 1	Status of output for Year 2	References
3.5.2.1	Analysis and consideration of reports on strengthened regional associations for women managers in the maritime sector	Annual	TCC					
3.5.3.1	Monitoring measures on new and cost-effective measures to deliver technical assistance	Annual	TCC					
4.0.1.2	Approved report on ITCP implementation during 2012-2013	2014	TCC					
4.0.1.3	Endorsed proposals for unplanned outputs for the 2014-2015 biennium as accepted by the Committees	Annual	Council		MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG / TCC			
4.0.2.1	Endorsed proposals for the development, maintenance and enhancement of information systems and related guidance (GISIS, websites, etc.)	Continuous	Council		MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG / TCC			

Technical Cooperation Committee								
Planned output number	Description ⁴	Target completion year	Parent organ(s)	Coordinating organ(s)	Associated organ(s)	Status of output for Year 1	Status of output for Year 2	References
4.0.5.1	Revised Guidelines on the Application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization ("GAP") and guidelines on the organization and method of work of the committees, as appropriate	2015	Assembly	Council	MSC / MEPC / FAL / LEG / TCC			
7.2.3.1	Increased activities within the ITCP regarding the OPRC Convention and the OPRC HNS Protocol	Annual	TCC		MEPC			
9.0.1.1	ITCP programme implemented on support to SIDS and LDCs for their special shipping needs	Annual	TCC					

ANNEX 2

SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD 2015 TO 2018

Sixty-fifth session of the Committee (June 2015)

Work of other bodies and organizations

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP): annual report on 2014
(3.1.3.1, 3.2.1.1, 3.2.1.2, 3.4.1.1, 3.5.1.1, 3.5.1.2, 7.2.3.1, 9.0.1.1)

Country Maritime Profiles
(3.4.1.1; 3.4.1.2; 3.5.1.1; 3.5.1.2; 3.5.2.1; 3.5.3.1)

ITCP for 2016 and 2017
(3.4.1.1, 3.4.1.2)

Technical Cooperation Fund allocation for 2016 and 2017
(3.4.1.1)

Sustainable financing of the ITCP
(3.2.2.1)

Linkage between the ITCP and the Millennium Development Goals
(3.3.1.1, 3.5.1.2)

Partnerships for progress
(3.1.2.1)

(a) Regional coordination

(b) Partnerships

[Voluntary] IMO Member State Audit Scheme
(2.0.2.2)

Capacity building: strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector
(3.5.2.1)

Global maritime training institutions
(3.1.3.1)

Impact Assessment Exercise for the period 2012 to 2015: general principles and methodology

Application of the Committee's Guidelines
(4.0.5.1)

Work programme, biennial agenda and post-biennial agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2016

Any other business

Consideration of the report of the Committee on its sixty-fifth session

Sixty-sixth session of the Committee (June 2016)

Work of other bodies and organizations

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP): annual report on 2015

Country Maritime Profiles

Sustainable financing of the ITCP

[Linkage between the ITCP and the Millennium Development Goals]

Partnerships for progress

(a) Regional coordination

(b) Partnerships

IMO Member State Audit Scheme

Capacity building: strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector

Global maritime training institutions

Impact Assessment Exercise for the period 2012 to 2015: report

Application of the Committee's Guidelines

Work programme, biennial report and post-biennial agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2017

Any other business

Consideration of the report of the Committee on its sixty-sixth session

Sixty-seventh session of the Committee (July 2017)

Work of other bodies and organizations

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP): annual report on 2016

Country Maritime Profiles

ITCP for 2018 and 2019

Technical Cooperation Fund allocation for 2018 and 2019

Sustainable financing of the ITCP

[Linkage between the ITCP and the Sustainable Development Goals]

Partnerships for progress

(a) Regional coordination

(b) Partnerships

IMO Member State Audit Scheme

Capacity building: strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector

Global maritime training institutions

Application of the Committee's Guidelines

Work programme, biennial report and post-biennial agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2018

Any other business

Consideration of the report of the Committee on its sixty-seventh session

Sixty-eighth session of the Committee (June 2018)

Work of other bodies and organizations

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP): annual report on 2017

Country Maritime Profiles

Sustainable financing of the ITCP

[Linkage between the ITCP and the Millennium Development Goals]

Partnerships for progress

(a) Regional coordination

(b) Partnerships

IMO Member State Audit Scheme

Capacity building: strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector

Global maritime training institutions

Application of the Committee's Guidelines

Work programme

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2019

Any other business

Consideration of the report of the Committee on its sixty-eighth session

ANNEX 3

STATEMENT BY CAMEROON

Thank you, Madam Chair, for giving me the floor.

My delegation would like to speak on the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund, established in July 2013 to finance the implementation of maritime security projects in the Gulf of Guinea, including the prevention and suppression of piracy and **armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activity**.

We are pleased to thankfully note here that China, the United Kingdom and Japan have already made some contributions into this trust fund. The Cameroon delegation would like to take this opportunity to speak on the state of implementation of the strategy to combat piracy in the Gulf of Guinea adopted at the Yaoundé Summit in June 2013 and whose success requires strong support from the IMO through the Trust Fund.

Madam Chair,

As you are aware, on 24 and 25 June 2013, Cameroon hosted the summit of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Gulf of Guinea Commission (GGC), on maritime safety and security in the Gulf of Guinea.

One of the key outcomes of the summit was the adoption, by more than 25 Heads of State and Government, of a landmark regional strategy against piracy, armed robbery and unlawful acts at sea based on three main instruments, namely:

- The Declaration of Heads of State and Government of Central and West African countries on safety and security in their common maritime space, called the "Yaoundé Declaration";
- The code of conduct for the prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activities in West and Central Africa; and
- The Memorandum of Understanding among ECCAS, ECOWAS and the GGC on maritime safety and security in Central and West Africa.

This Memorandum of Understanding provides for the establishment of an Interregional Coordination Centre with headquarters in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

As part of the implementation of this strategy, an Interregional Working Group (GIT) was established. It comprises representatives of the three regional communities concerned, namely the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Gulf of Guinea Commission (GGC).

This Working Group was mandated to draft the requisite instruments for the effective functioning of the Interregional Coordination Centre (ICC) established by the Memorandum of Understanding between ECCAS, ECOWAS and the GGC.

At the end of three working sessions held respectively from 22 to 26 April 2014, 10 to 15 May 2014 and 3 to 5 June 2014 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, the Interregional Working Group effectively fulfilled its mandate by drafting a series of instruments, notably the Additional Protocol to the Yaoundé MoU on the organization and functioning of the Interregional Coordination Centre (ICC) and the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of Senior Officials of the three regional bodies. These instruments were adopted and signed by the senior officials of the concerned bodies on Thursday, June 5 2014, in Yaoundé, thus marking the legal birth of the Interregional Coordination Centre.

The first officials of the Centre will be appointed very soon for the effective opening of the Centre billed for July 11 2014 in Yaoundé.

It is worth noting that participants appreciated the remarkable presence of IMO's representative, Chris Trelawny, at the second and third sessions of the IWG.

Madam Chair,

As you can imagine, the effective functioning of the Interregional Coordination Centre requires considerable material and financial resources, for the procurement and maintenance of adequate facilities and capacity building for the staff that will man the Centre. The concerned regional institutions and states are still to mobilize the requisite means and resources. Consequently, the Government of Cameroon that coordinates the implementation of this strategy would very much appreciate if the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund could finance the operationalization of the Centre and the implementation of other instruments of the Yaoundé Strategy, namely the Code of Conduct for preventing and combating acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activities in West Africa and Central Africa.

In conclusion, we propose that the implementation of the strategy against maritime piracy in the Gulf of Guinea adopted by the Yaoundé Heads of State Summit in June 2013 be considered as a priority of the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund, particularly by contributing to the operationalization of the Interregional Coordination Centre and the implementation of the Code of Conduct adopted in Yaoundé.

Thank you for your kind attention and we request that this statement be appended to the report of the Committee.
