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## **1 GENERAL**

### **Introduction**

1.1 The Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC) held its sixty-eighth session from 18 to 20 June 2018, 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 Member States and one Associate Member; 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 68/INF.1.

1.3 The session was also attended by the Chair of the Facilitation Committee, Mr. Yuri Melenas (Russian Federation), and the Chair of the governing bodies of the London Convention and Protocol, Mrs. Azara A. Prempeh (Ghana).

### **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/Secretary-GeneralsSpeechesToMeetings/Pages/Default.aspx>

1.5 During the session, the Secretary-General and many delegations conveyed their condolences and sympathies to the Egyptian delegation on the passing of Dr. Gamal El din Mokhtar of Egypt. Dr. Mokhtar attended the Committee for 30 years and served as its Chair for seven consecutive sessions between 1989 and 1994 covering TC 34 to TC 40. He was among the proponents of the establishment of the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmö, Sweden, and supported IMO's technical cooperation work in many ways. The Committee observed a one-minute silence in memory of Dr. Mokhtar.

### **Adoption of the agenda**

1.6 The Committee adopted the provisional agenda set out in document TC 68/1/Rev.1 (Secretariat) as the agenda for the session. The Committee also agreed to address the items for consideration in the order in which they appeared in the provisional timetable.

1.7 One delegation stated that some members of the delegation were unable to attend the meeting due to delays in the issuance of United Kingdom visas, primarily due to the fact that the IMO circular letter inviting participation to the meeting had not been accepted.

1.8 The Secretariat noted the statement from this delegation and stated that it would take action with the appropriate authorities to resolve the issue for future meetings.

## **2 WORK OF OTHER BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

2.1 The Committee noted the information provided in documents TC 67/2, TC 68/2 and TC 68/2/Add.1 (Secretariat) in connection with the technical cooperation-related outcomes of the meetings of other IMO bodies which had met since August 2016, namely the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties to the London Convention, the eleventh and twelfth Meetings of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol, MEPC 70,

MEPC 71, MEPC 72, MSC 97, MSC 98, MSC 99, FAL 41, LEG 104, LEG 105, C 117, C 118, C/ES.29 and A 30.

2.2 The observer delegation of Comité Maritime International (CMI) introduced the work of CMI to the Committee and informed it of the expertise available among its members which could be utilized through the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) for the benefit of IMO Member States. The delegation expressed its willingness to work closely with IMO in the provision of technical assistance related to drafting maritime legislation and implementing IMO instruments and other maritime treaties such as the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea (Rotterdam Rules).

### **3 INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME: ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017**

#### ***Annual report for 2017***

3.1 The Committee considered document TC 68/3 (Secretariat), which provided in annex 1 a summary of the achievements and outputs of the activities implemented under the regional and global programmes of ITCP; and document TC 68/3/Add.1 (Secretariat), which provided in annex 2 an overview of financial resource delivery of ITCP through the presentation of expenditure analyses.

3.2 The Committee was informed that the results of the ITCP implementation showed that 215 activities had been delivered during 2017. This number included, inter alia, the implementation of nine advisory and needs assessment missions and 119 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 3,522 persons worldwide in 2017. In addition, another 64 fellows completed fellowships in the maritime field, including 26 fellowships at WMU and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI). Another 551 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 2017 had reached \$13.8 million, representing a delivery rate of 85% of the resources programmed for that year. The profile of resource disbursement featured 22 sources of funding, with the Technical Cooperation Fund (TC Fund) being the most significant at \$6 million, representing 44% 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 Delegations who spoke expressed deep appreciation and support for the activities delivered under ITCP during 2017, noting the importance of ITCP in assisting Member States in capacity-building, including strengthening institutional capacity, as well as implementing regulations. Delegations also thanked the Secretariat for the detailed and concise report on these activities. Many delegations reiterated their willingness to continue to support delivery of ITCP by hosting and providing other in-kind support. Several delegations provided further details of the activities hosted and/or organized in their countries and regions. One delegation noted the importance of measuring the impact of technical cooperation activities, noted also that they would implement a new system within their country to do so, and urged other countries to consider similar measures.

3.6 One delegation, supported by a number of other delegations, highlighted the importance of mainstreaming the maritime sector into national policy planning and overall

economic development, and the need for maritime training to be adapted to meet the emerging challenges facing the shipping industry. In this regard, several delegations commended the Secretary-General on his initiative to organize a high-level ministerial forum in the margins of the annual World Maritime Day parallel event. Such an initiative helped create better awareness of the importance of the maritime sector at the policy level of government. It was noted that, in order to deliver and meet the gap of the new required skills, IMO should review how it could best deliver technical cooperation activities to address those current and future challenges while also enhancing the existing partnership arrangements.

3.7 Several delegations spoke on the issue of the difficulties experienced in obtaining visas for delegates and students of WMU and IMLI to attend meetings at IMO Headquarters, as well as for participants to attend training activities in other Member States. One delegation shared its experience and recommended that delegations make use of diplomatic channels and networks in cases when visas were required, as an ambassador in one country would likely be able to liaise with the embassy in the country where the visa was applied for.

3.8 The Secretariat clarified that the procedures governing visa applications for delegates attending IMO meetings had been revised following consultations with the United Kingdom authorities in 2017. In that regard, it was pointed out that it was important to respect the timeline for visa applications, which, in the case of the United Kingdom, was six weeks. Delegations were also reminded to notify the External Relations Office (ERO) of IMO when visa problems were encountered, so that IMO could assist. It was noted that the United Kingdom delegation had also reiterated its willingness to assist when such problems were encountered, and had requested delegates to email Mr. Shaun Rogers of the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency at [Shaun.Rogers@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:Shaun.Rogers@mcga.gov.uk) in such instances, while still informing ERO.

3.9 One delegation noted that the increase in delivery rate from 2016 to 2017 was encouraging, but requested the Secretariat to analyse the reasons why 100% delivery had not been achieved. The Secretariat said it would undertake this analysis and prepare a report for TC 69 on the issue. Another delegation requested additional information on one of the model courses which had been referred back to the course developer for revision. The Secretariat clarified that the model course in question had been revised and would be submitted to HTW 5 in July 2018, where it was expected to be validated. Another delegation requested that, when deciding the TC Fund allocation for ITCP, due consideration should be given to the size of the Asia region. The same delegation also commented that some countries seemed to belong to more than one regional grouping, and requested the Secretariat to periodically review the regional groupings for technical cooperation delivery, and clarify the situation.

3.10 The Secretariat thanked delegations for their comments on the delivery of ITCP, and noted that it would take the comments on board. In regard to the issue of mainstreaming maritime sector issues within national policies, it was noted that this would also be addressed under agenda item 5 in relation to the country-level United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs). The Secretariat also informed the Committee about the upcoming project on the review and reform of technical cooperation, which was being undertaken at the request of the Secretary-General in order to increase the overall effectiveness of IMO technical cooperation.

3.11 The Committee noted the information provided in the ITCP Annual Report for 2017 (documents TC 68/3 and TC 68/3/Add.1 (Secretariat)) and expressed its gratitude to all donors for their cash contributions to the bi- and multi-donor trust funds and to other Member States and partners for their in-kind support that facilitated the implementation of ITCP activities.

3.12 The Committee further noted that the ITCP Annual Report for 2017 would be placed on the Technical Cooperation section of the IMO website.

3.13 The Committee noted the two information papers submitted under this agenda item and thanked the authors of these documents. Document TC 68/INF.2 (Colombia) provided information on the results of the seminar on the implementation of the global search and rescue plan that took place in Bogota, Colombia, in November 2017; and document TC 68/INF.15 (Cameroon) reported on the state of implementation of some recommendations of the demonstration project carried out in Cameroon between 2013 and 2015, aimed at determining the potential role of maritime transport facilitation in the reduction of poverty (Millennium Development Goal 1).

#### **4 SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OF THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

##### **(a) Long-term resource mobilization strategy**

4.1 The Committee considered in document TC 68/4(a) (Secretariat) a draft strategy for resource mobilization for IMO technical cooperation activities to ensure the long-term financing of ITCP.

4.2 The Committee noted that the draft strategy for resource mobilization had been developed taking into consideration the guiding principles of Assembly resolution A.1127(30) on the IMO integrated technical cooperation programme in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Assembly resolution A.1128(30) on *Financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme*, and the Organization's Strategic Plan for 2018-2023. The Committee also noted that, in developing the draft strategy, an analysis of the current funding of IMO technical cooperation activities and the trend in international development aid activities had also been carried out with a view to suggesting a proactive approach to generating new resources.

4.3 The Committee further noted that the draft resource mobilization strategy had identified that there was a substantial and untapped amount of official development assistance funding available, globally and regionally, for international development aid activities. The strategy also identified that a more proactive and methodical approach was essential to encourage the development of partnerships with Member States, the United Nations system, multilateral development banks, and the design of new and innovative ideas. Such an approach would rely on active communication with potential donors to highlight the value and benefits of working with IMO and its alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), using methods and individual approaches which acknowledged and were tailored to the respective priorities of each donor, whose interests were already in line with the aim of IMO technical cooperation activities.

4.4 The Committee was informed that a well devised long-term and immediate action plan was needed to realize and achieve an effective resource mobilization strategy. A review of the trends in international development aid and implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as an assessment of the current situation, should be carried out periodically. Such a review and analysis would be incorporated into the action plan for the increased effectiveness and efficiency of the resource mobilization strategy for IMO technical cooperation activities. The strategy supported by such an action plan would require continuous review and assessment to come up with fruitful output.

4.5 There was general support for the draft resource mobilization strategy as provided in the annex to document TC 68/4(a). Several delegations who took the floor indicated their full support in contacting their respective governments' official development assistance agencies in the capitals. Those delegations emphasized the role of IMO Permanent Representatives as the interface between IMO and their respective governments.

4.6 Many delegations agreed that well devised long-term and immediate action plans were the next steps forward and could serve as the road map for IMO technical cooperation implementation; they also indicated their full support for and willingness to participate in implementing the action plan. Delegations also expressed the importance of having national governments understand the role of the maritime sector. One delegation highlighted the importance of the Secretariat having sufficient human resources to deal with the additional funds that the strategy for resource mobilization would generate.

4.7 Several delegations commended the Secretary-General's initiative to hold high-level ministerial forums in the margins of the annual World Maritime Day parallel events, and suggested that those ministerial roundtable meetings would be a good platform to promote the resource mobilization strategy and, in the process, raise the profile of IMO.

4.8 In addition to highlighting the financial resources required to deliver the draft resource mobilization strategy, a number of delegations suggested exploring the inclusion of knowledge, skills and experience as vital resources. One delegation made reference to its Maritime Public Leadership Programme, which was launched in 2011, designed for senior officials in maritime administrations who were at least director-level or equivalent. The programme offered a holistic and interdisciplinary curriculum, covering maritime-related and public administration topics, and provided participants with an invaluable opportunity to network with their maritime counterparts from around the world.

4.9 In conclusion, the Committee:

- .1 approved the draft strategy for resource mobilization for IMO technical cooperation activities, as contained in the annex to document TC 68/4(a);
- .2 urged Member States to actively communicate with their development aid agencies to include IMO technical cooperation activities as a priority item in their national development aid plans; and
- .3 noted the information contained in document TC 68/INF.12 (Secretariat) on the presentation of the strategy by the Secretariat to Ambassadors, Permanent Representatives, Members of Permanent Missions and Liaison Officers at IMO Headquarters on 9 May 2018.

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

4.10 In response to the Committee's request at its sixty-seventh session to be provided with an analysis of the users and the financial and legal implications of making the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) data an income-generating tool for the sole benefit of the sustainability of ITCP, the Committee considered document TC 68/4(b) (Secretariat), which provided an update on the viability of introducing a fee to access GISIS data.

4.11 The Committee noted that the Secretariat was implementing a phased programme on Review of IMO Data and Knowledge Management and the development of an IMO Framework, in particular GISIS, in terms of data collection and processing, and also supporting the Organization in its rule-making mandate.

4.12 The Committee also noted that, in reviewing the financial and legal implications of making GISIS an income-generating tool for the benefit of ITCP, the Secretariat had identified that, from a policy and technical perspective, IMO would need to know which modules of GISIS and which data emanating from those modules or supporting a value-added process would be eligible for consideration of applying a levy or fee. Furthermore, making GISIS an

income-generating tool for the sole benefit of ITCP would highly depend on the quality of the data provided by Member States and external entities, which would, in turn, create a need and incentive to update GISIS more regularly. The potential reluctance of data providers, under existing reporting requirements, to see that their data could be sold, could not be overlooked as it might act as a deterrent and impediment in the context of enhanced compliance with reporting requirements, the development of GISIS and the improvement of the quality and the exhaustive nature of the data.

4.13 In general, there was support for waiting for the outcome of the Review of IMO Data and Knowledge Management and the development of an IMO Framework being undertaken by the Secretariat, and for assessing how the data in GISIS could be enhanced prior to embarking on any financial and legal analysis.

4.14 A number of delegations expressed concerns about the privacy and sensitivity of data provided in GISIS and about commercializing that data.

4.15 Upon the request of one delegation, the Committee instructed the Secretariat to investigate the practices of other United Nations agencies which had commercialized data they produced.

### **(c) Financial contributions to the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme**

4.16 The Committee noted the information provided in documents TC 68/4(c) and TC 68/4(c)/Corr.1 (Secretariat) on the status of financial contributions received to support ITCP since the last session of the Committee.

4.17 The Committee was informed that during the period 1 June 2017 to 6 June 2018 contributions made to the multi-donor trust funds and through financial arrangements and cash contributions amounted to \$8,994,579, as compared to \$1,405,760 reported to TC 67. It was noted that this total was comprised of \$3,788,693 received under new financial arrangements; \$3,714,154 under existing partnership arrangements; \$1,148,829 through the multi-donor trust funds; and \$342,903 in cash contributions. A contribution of £10,000 was also received under the Organization's Contributions Incentive Scheme to support the ITCP global programme on the effective implementation and enforcement of energy efficiency measures for ships.

4.18 The Committee expressed its appreciation to all donors who 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.

4.19 The Committee was informed that since documents TC 68/4(c) and TC 68/4(c)/Corr.1 had been issued the following contributions had been received:

- .1 \$377,000 (\$A500,000) from Australia to support a project on improved implementation and enforcement of MARPOL Annex V and development of a strategy for the reduction of ship-sourced marine plastic litter in the South Pacific;
- .2 \$20,000 from Malaysia to support the delivery of a regional workshop on MARPOL Annex V and port reception facilities; and
- .3 \$1 million received from Saudi Arabia, following a previous pledge as stated in paragraph 13 of document TC 68/4(c).



4.20 The delegation of Singapore informed the Committee of the recent launch of an enhanced five-year technical cooperation and training package valued at \$5 million. The package would consist of increased support for IMO technical cooperation activities through the Singapore-IMO Third Country Training Programme, strengthened support for WMU under the memorandum of understanding on academic cooperation with WMU, and increased contributions to global maritime leadership training by increasing the number of seats available on the MPA Academy's flagship programmes.

4.21 The Cook Islands highlighted the achievements of those women leading major projects such as the Global Maritime Energy Efficiency Partnership Project (GloMEEP Project) and maritime technology cooperation centres, and acknowledged IMO's continued commitment to leading the way on working towards the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls (SDG 5). The full statement by the Cook Islands is attached in annex 4.

4.22 The Committee welcomed the following pledges announced during TC 68:

- .1 the delegation of Norway pledged Nkr1 million to support ITCP for 2018;
- .2 the delegation of the Netherlands pledged to contribute €20,000 to the TC Fund for support for the global programme on the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS);
- .3 the delegation of the Republic of Korea pledged \$500,000 for ITCP;
- .4 the delegation of Ghana pledged \$50,000 for ITCP; and
- .5 the delegation of Japan pledged \$500,000 to support the Djibouti Code of Conduct Trust Fund, aimed at combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden.

4.23 The delegation of Australia informed the Committee that their contribution of \$377,000 to ITCP was to fund a project to develop a Pacific Islands regional strategy for the reduction of ship-sourced marine plastic litter and to assist Pacific Island States in implementing and enforcing MARPOL Annex V. Australia stated that it would work closely with IMO, the Pacific Community (SPC), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme and Pacific Island nations to ensure the delivery of strong outcomes to address this vitally important issue in the region.

4.24 The Secretary-General conveyed the Secretariat's deep appreciation to those Member States who had made additional financial contributions to ITCP and stated that the Secretariat would continue to communicate with those Member States on how best to use the contributions. In particular, the Secretary-General thanked the Government of Australia for its timely contribution, as the important issue of plastic litter was ever increasing, posing a serious marine environment challenge. The Secretary-General further informed the Committee of his recent visit to Singapore for the launch of the country's enhanced five-year technical cooperation and training package, and expressed appreciation to the Government of Singapore for its generous in-kind support.

## **5 THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

### **(a) Maritime transport policy development**

5.1 The Committee considered document TC 68/5(a) (Secretariat) on the work undertaken by the Secretariat to enhance assistance to Member States in developing national

maritime transport policies (NMTPs) through the development of a maritime transport policy training package and the delivery of related training events.

5.2 The Committee noted that the training package, which aimed at providing beneficiaries with the required knowledge and skills to prepare, review and adopt maritime transport policies, had been finalized and translated into the three working languages of IMO to enable delivery of maritime transport policy training activities in other languages to interested Member States. It also noted that the Secretariat, in close cooperation with WMU, was finalizing the production of two short videos to complement the training material. The longer video was intended to be shown at IMO technical cooperation activities and promote NMTPs, while the shorter video was aimed at ministers and senior officials with a view to raising their awareness at the highest level of the importance and usefulness of NMTPs for a country's maritime, social and economic development.

5.3 The delegations who spoke expressed their appreciation for the work of IMO related to developing, adopting and updating NMTPs and the training activities delivered thus far. Some delegations of Member States who had already benefited from these activities commended IMO and WMU on the effective delivery of the training, which not only enabled them to raise significant awareness of the need for and benefits of an NMTP but also to make progress with regard to the development of their NMTPs. The Secretariat's proactive approach with respect to the development and translation of the training material and the production of two short videos which promote the importance of NMTPs was also commended by delegations.

5.4 One delegation congratulated IMO for its work in highlighting the importance of maritime transport policy and creating awareness of its importance at the high and middle management levels. In this regard, the delegation informed the Committee of its two flagship maritime programmes on maritime leadership which had similar objectives to the IMO NMTP programme, and expressed its wish to work with the Secretariat and WMU to create synergies between the two programmes for the benefit of Member States.

5.5 Another delegation, while appreciative of the work undertaken by the Secretariat thus far, stressed the importance of a cross-sectoral approach in maritime policy. To that effect, the delegation suggested involving and sharing this initiative with the industry and also maintaining a sustainable dialogue with a view to further strengthening efforts for an integrated maritime policy.

5.6 The Secretary-General thanked the delegations that spoke for their positive comments. He further assured the Committee that the Secretariat was mindful of the importance of involving the industry in its work and that, in so doing, it would take into consideration the point raised by one delegation on the need to further increase communication channels with the industry.

5.7 The Committee noted the activities undertaken by the Secretariat to assist Member States in the development of NMTPs and its accomplishments in further promoting these activities.

**(b) Country Maritime Profiles**

5.8 The Committee, having considered document TC 68/5(b) (Secretariat) providing a status report on the completed country maritime profiles (CMPs) and an update on developments relating to the review and restructuring of the CMP module, noted, in particular, that it had been decided that a prudent way to review and restructure the CMP module was to utilize the in-house resources, primarily due to the following reasons:

- .1 the ongoing Review of IMO Data and Knowledge Management project within IMO;
- .2 the ongoing Functional Review of the Secretariat project; and
- .3 access levels for GISIS modules, including the IMSAS results.

5.9 The Committee also noted an increase of 4.8% in the completed CMP records compared to the 2017 figures, and a decrease of 14.21% in the total number of updated records by Member States and Associate Members.

5.10 During a presentation delivered by the Secretariat on the progress made so far in developing the revised and restructured CMP module, the Committee was informed that the review exercise should result in a module which would, inter alia:

- .1 utilize to the maximum reliable and relevant existing and available information from various sources both internal and external;
- .2 require minimum additional information;
- .3 provide linkage between technical assistance areas/IMO treaties and SDGs;
- .4 reflect IMSAS audit outcomes, such as findings, observations, corrective action plans (CAPs) and CAP completion dates;
- .5 reflect the status of a treaty v States v tonnage covered;
- .6 reflect the status of country-specific IMO meeting participation, including gender representation at IMO meetings;
- .7 provide a feature whereby the Secretariat would indicate areas in which technical assistance could be provided;
- .8 provide a feature whereby a country might request technical assistance associated with a specific treaty or area;
- .9 provide a feature whereby a country might indicate areas in which technical assistance could be provided to other countries;
- .10 generate reports that would identify technical assistance needs;
- .11 direct to online education and training modules, as appropriate;
- .12 assist in governance, resource management, and oversight and smooth implementation of technical assistance activities;

- .13 have the flexibility to add new features without the need for a comprehensive review of the revised module; and
- .14 be mobile device friendly.

5.11 The Committee, recognizing the complexities involved in developing the reviewed and revised module, noted that every effort would be made by the Secretariat to have a prototype of the new CMP module ready before TC 69.

5.12 In conclusion, the Committee:

- .1 noted the status of the completed CMP records;
- .2 noted with satisfaction the progress made by the Secretariat in developing the revised and restructured CMP module;
- .3 endorsed the overall approach taken by the Secretariat in reviewing and restructuring the CMP module in general, and, in particular, expressed satisfaction with the identification of the key elements in the new module which would be country- and territory-specific, subject to necessary modifications;
- .4 instructed the Secretariat to continue developing the revised and restructured CMP module taking into account the comments of the Committee, and report the progress made to TC 69; and
- .5 urged Member States and Associate Members that had not yet completed their CMPs to do so, and invited those which had completed them to continue to update the records.

### **(c) Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

5.13 The Committee considered document TC 68/5(c) (Secretariat), which provided a summary of developments within IMO relating to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development since the Committee's sixty-seventh session in July 2017, including the publication of circular TC.1/Circ.69 on the linkages between IMO's technical assistance work and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

5.14 The Committee was informed that the thirtieth session of the Assembly had adopted two resolutions, one on *Linkages between the technical assistance work of IMO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and the other on *Guiding principles of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (A.1126(30) and A.1127(30), respectively). The Committee noted that the Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018-2023 (A.1110(30)) highlighted in its vision statement the importance of the Organization's role in supporting Member States in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, beyond the linkage already established within the Organization's technical assistance work.

5.15 The Committee was also updated on the different relevant work processes in which IMO was involved, including the creation of the IMO Secretariat Focal Group, composed of representatives from all the divisions in the Secretariat, which would coordinate the work related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and IMO's contribution to the SDGs, and would report accordingly to the Council.

5.16 With regard to the UNDAFs which allowed countries to receive targeted assistance, the Committee was further informed that the Secretariat had developed a compiled UNDAF process matrix (annex to TC 68/5(c)), to have one central database containing the regional time frames and actions taken. The Committee noted the example of Kenya, which had incorporated maritime sector-related work in the preparation of national and regional UNDAFs, and acknowledged that this had also helped identify other United Nations programmes and agencies that could also provide support. The work developed by Kenya could be used as an example and a basis for the future work of Member States in order to ensure that areas of IMO technical cooperation were reflected in the UNDAF process for each Member State as much as possible.

5.17 The Committee recognized the need for IMO to ensure that Member States participated in the formulation of UNDAFs in their respective countries, and that maritime sector issues were included in this process. It was highlighted that efforts should be made in order for IMO to play a bigger role in the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

5.18 The Committee noted that a robust follow-up and review mechanism for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development required a solid framework of indicators and statistical data to monitor progress, inform policy and ensure accountability of all stakeholders.

5.19 In light of the above, and having noted general support for the proposal, the Committee agreed to establish a correspondence group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in order to develop indicators for data collection within IMO's mandate related to technical cooperation, under the coordination of Vanuatu. The Committee approved the terms of reference for the Correspondence Group, as set out in annex 1.

5.20 The Committee noted the two information documents submitted under this agenda item and thanked the authors of these documents. Document TC 68/INF.6 (Republic of Korea) provided information on education and onboard training programmes for cadets provided by the Government of the Republic of Korea, and document TC 68/INF.14 (Secretariat) provided a summary of the report entitled Evaluation of the International Maritime Organization's contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which was undertaken in 2017 by the Secretariat.

5.21 The Committee:

- .1 encouraged Member States to fully participate in their national or regional UNDAF processes, ensuring that maritime issues were included in the country-wide implementation of the SDGs; and
- .2 established a correspondence group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in order to develop the indicators related to technical cooperation.

**(d) Strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector**

5.22 The Committee was updated on the activities delivered through IMO's Women in Maritime programme from August 2016 to March 2018 (TC 67/8 and TC 68/5(d) (Secretariat)). It was recognized that one of the enduring successes of the programme during its 30 years of operation had been the establishment of seven grassroots associations across the regions, which drew on the United Nations principle of implementing from the field-level upwards. In addition to the governance structures established, these networks responded directly to the

SDGs, taking the United Nations platform forward in partnership with local and national entities by integrating the clusters of national chapters for women in the maritime sector, which, through local outreach activities, contributed to the enhancement of the maritime sector of each region.

5.23 The Committee was informed of the outcomes achieved by four of IMO's regional support networks, namely the Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean (WiMAC), the Association of Women Managers in the Maritime Sector in Eastern and Southern Africa (WOMESA), the Arab Women in Maritime Association (AWIMA), and the Women in Maritime Association, Asia (WIMA Asia). The multiplier effect of these associations and their constituent national chapters had produced results right down to the grassroots level.

5.24 To highlight the achievements of IMO's Women in Maritime programme over the last 30 years and looking into the future, the Committee was informed that IMO would be rebranding the programme to raise its profile in the maritime community.

5.25 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, driven by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the impact of which was most significant for developing countries, and their successor goals, the SDGs. Several delegations appreciated the increased number of trainees and variety of activities delivered by IMO to empower women as key maritime stakeholders. A number of delegations thanked IMO for awarding WMU fellowships to female candidates from their countries for the academic year 2018-2019.

5.26 The Committee also noted, with appreciation, the initiatives undertaken by Chile and Colombia, with funding provided by Malaysia, to launch the network of Women of the Maritime Authorities of Latin America (MAMLa). It noted, in particular, the issues raised in document TC 68/5(d)/1 under the annexed Valparaíso Agreement and the development of a strategy for the network. Several delegations expressed support for the adoption of the Valparaíso Agreement. The Committee was requested to assist, where possible, in the implementation of the capacity-building objectives of MAMLa, the seventh Women in Maritime Association launched under the auspices of IMO.

5.27 The Pacific Community (SPC) introduced document TC 68/5(d)/2, which provided information on the progress made in the Pacific region to strengthen the impact of women in the maritime sector, in particular the outcome of the second regional conference for the Pacific Women in Maritime Association (PacWIMA). The Committee was requested to assist, where possible, in the implementation of the capacity-building objectives of PacWIMA and, by association, its national chapters to further support the activities in the Pacific region related to gender equality in the maritime sector.

5.28 The Secretariat, while noting the evaluation of IMO's contribution to the MDGs, highlighted the significant role that IMO's gender programme had made to the achievement of MDG 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women, and informed the Committee that the lessons learned from this evaluation would inform IMO's strategic planning going forward, with the realization of the SDGs. In response to this, one delegation raised the issue of lack of third-party funding for the regional Women in Maritime Associations, thus compromising the sustainability of these associations, and cited the example of a partnership between its Government and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on science, technology, engineering and mathematics education. The Committee noted that there was a need to attract long-term investment to support training needs and mandatory sea-time opportunities.

5.29 One delegation suggested that the Secretariat could consider preparing a comprehensive document for TC 69, providing data on women in the maritime sector such as those employed in maritime administrations and female graduates from WMU, IMLI and other maritime training institutions.

5.30 The Committee noted the offer made by the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) and the International Hydrographic Organization to explore training opportunities for women in aids to navigation and hydrography.

5.31 In conclusion, the Committee:

- .1 noted the implementation of activities undertaken under IMO's gender programme from August 2016 to March 2018, as reported in documents TC 67/8 and TC 68/5(d);
- .2 noted the issues raised under the WiMAC 2016 resolution annexed to document TC 67/8 and the three resolutions annexed to document TC 68/5(d) and was requested to assist, where possible, in the implementation of the capacity-building objectives of AWIMA, WIMA Asia, WiMAC and WOMESA;
- .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 documents TC 67/8 and TC 68/5(d) 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 and their national chapters; and
- .5 noted the information provided in document TC 68/INF.4 (Secretariat) on the WMU Women's Association and the linkage between that association and IMO's regional support networks for women in maritime.

## **6 PARTNERSHIPS**

### **(a) Regional presence and coordination**

6.1 The Committee noted the information contained in document TC 68/6(a) (Secretariat), which reported on the technical assistance activities delivered through the regional presence scheme in Africa, East Asia and the Caribbean. In particular, the Committee noted the important role played by the Regional Coordinators and the Regional Maritime Adviser in the respective regions in supporting Member States in their efforts towards the ratification and universal application of IMO instruments.

6.2 The Committee also noted the information provided in document TC 68/INF.8 (Pacific Community) on the establishment of a new ITCP-funded position for an IMO Technical Cooperation Officer at SPC in Suva, Fiji, to facilitate the delivery of IMO's technical assistance programme in the Pacific region.

6.3 The delegations who took the floor expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for the strong delivery of ITCP in the regions through the regional presence scheme. A number of delegations also expressed appreciation on the new appointment of the Technical Cooperation Officer at SPC, based in Suva, Fiji. One delegation requested the Secretariat to consider the establishment of a permanent regional presence office in the Pacific region, taking into account a long-term funding model for the office, in the same way the Scheme operated in the other regions. The delegation added that the Pacific region was the hub of small island developing States and, therefore, the establishment of a permanent office would serve the region effectively. The statement by the delegation of Australia is attached in annex 4 of this report.

6.4 One delegation requested the Secretariat to clarify and possibly harmonize the titles of Regional Coordinators, Regional Maritime Adviser and Technical Cooperation Officer in light of the fact that the officers performed similar duties in the regions they covered.

6.5 In response, the Secretariat acknowledged and appreciated the comments made by delegations in their support for the regional presence scheme and the work of the Regional Coordinators and the Regional Maritime Adviser. On the question of establishing a permanent regional presence office in the Pacific region, the Secretariat drew the Committee's attention to a decision of the Council at its ninety-fourth session (C 94/D paragraph 11.3(iv)), which instructed the Secretariat to consider the feasibility of securing external and in-kind support before expanding the regional presence scheme. Furthermore, the Secretariat referred the Committee to the report of TC 66 (paragraph 6.9), whereby the Secretariat undertook to carry out a review and reform of the regional presence scheme as part of efforts to improve IMO's technical assistance work. One delegation suggested the inclusion of co-funding when considering the costing for the expansion of the regional presence scheme. The report of the review exercise would be submitted to TC 69 for consideration.

6.6 On the question of clarification and harmonization of the titles of the Regional Coordinators, Regional Maritime Adviser and the Technical Cooperation Officer, the Secretariat informed the Committee that historically the roles of the Regional Maritime Adviser and those of the Regional Coordinators were different in the sense that the Regional Maritime Adviser, being a technical position, provided technical advice to Member States in the region, while in the case of the Regional Coordinators it was established as a pilot scheme to deliver ITCP in their respective regions. The Secretariat further added that the issue of harmonization would be considered as part of the review of technical cooperation.

6.7 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, for their continued financial and in-kind contributions to support the scheme.

#### **(b) Partnership arrangements**

6.8 The Committee considered document TC 68/6(b) (Secretariat), which provided a status report on the delivery of technical assistance activities through partnerships and the progress made on the implementation of Assembly resolution A.1128(30) on *Financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme*.

6.9 The Committee noted that, in December 2017, the thirtieth session of the IMO Assembly adopted resolution A.1128(30), which replaced Assembly resolution A.965(23) on *Development and improvement of partnership arrangements for technical cooperation*. Resolution A.1128(30) reaffirmed the Organization's intention to continue implementing programmes to provide targeted capacity-building and technical cooperation; establish new



long-term strategic donor relationships; and further develop existing partnerships in its technical cooperation work.

6.10 The Committee also noted that, as at 7 June 2018, 78 partnerships were in operation, 20 of which were financial, 38 in-kind, which consisted of cash supplements, no-fee experts or free-of-cost experts and hosting of technical assistance events, 4 relating to the IMO regional presence scheme, 3 on the establishment of activity/response centres and 13 on the delegation of technical cooperation implementation responsibilities. The Committee was informed that, since TC 67, 17 new partnership arrangements had been established, of which 13 were financial, and had attracted a total amount of \$5,975,536.

6.11 Furthermore, the Committee was informed of a new innovative partnership established between IMO and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to help promote sustainable shipping through a range of safety and environment-focused capacity-building activities in the maritime and port sectors. This strategic partnership was the first to be established between IMO and a multilateral development bank, combining IMO's global mandate and outreach and EBRD's experience and expertise in investment and finance. It was expected to contribute a great deal to sustainable maritime transport and the implementation of the SDGs.

6.12 The Committee was further informed that an in-kind support partnership with the OSPAR Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic had been recently concluded which provided a framework of cooperation on the London Convention and London Protocol at the regional level.

6.13 Several delegations that spoke commended the Secretariat on its important work in securing financial and in-kind support for ITCP. It was suggested that partnership arrangements should be reviewed periodically to gain traction and to expand their impact.

6.14 A number of delegations stated that IMO technical cooperation activities should address the new challenges facing the shipping industry, at present and in the future. In order to achieve this, IMO should expand the scope of its partnership arrangements to reach out to governments, development banks and industry.

6.15 One delegation, supported by a number of other delegations, welcomed and emphasized the importance of resuming the port State control regional MoU/Agreement workshops, which would contribute positively to the harmonization of port State control standards, procedures and sharing of experiences.

6.16 In response to a query from one delegation on the status of the Caribbean ship inspector training (CASIT) course, the Acting Director of the Technical Cooperation Division informed the Committee that the Secretariat, in liaison with the Regional Maritime Adviser for the Caribbean and the Caribbean MoU, were working on the terms of reference and course programme, with a view to delivering a CASIT course in the second half of 2018, through the train-the-trainer approach.

6.17 The Secretary-General expressed the Secretariat's appreciation to Member States and partners for their contributions, both financial and in-kind, to ITCP. He stated that capacity-building was not only key to the implementation of IMO instruments by developing countries, but equally important was their participation in the rule-making process. With regard to the resumption of the IMO workshop for the regional MoUs on port State control, the Secretary-General stated that the activity was a concrete example of partnerships which also added value in light of the importance of data exchange between the regional MoUs on port State control.

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

6.19 The Committee further noted the four information papers submitted under this agenda item and expressed appreciation to the authors of the documents. Document TC 68/INF.3 (China) provided information on the activities conducted by China under IMO's ITCP, while document TC 68/INF.7 (IALA) reported on the progress made by IALA World-Wide Academy capacity-building programme since 2012. Document TC 68/INF.9 (Pacific Community) reported on domestic shipping safety in the Pacific Islands region, and document TC 68/INF.11 (Argentina) provided a review of technical cooperation activities provided by the Argentine Coast Guard (Prefectura Naval Argentina) to other requesting States between 2010 and 2017.

## **7 IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME**

7.1 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 68/7 (Secretariat) on the status of implementation of the global technical cooperation programme on the IMO Member State Audit Scheme. The Committee also noted the increase in ad hoc requests received from Member States for technical assistance in preparing for audits and in implementing the agreed corrective action plan.

7.2 The Committee further noted that, since the commencement of the training courses for auditors under ITCP in 2006, a total of 1,233 individuals from 157 Member States had been trained as auditors through 63 ITCP activities.

7.3 To help facilitate the planning of relevant and targeted technical assistance activities, the Committee was informed that the relevant officers in the Secretariat had been granted access to the Member State Audit module in GISIS, designed to provide effective tracking of the implementation of corrective action plans by Member States.

7.4 Some delegations expressed appreciation for the technical assistance provided by IMO to assist Member States with preparing for their audit. Other delegations informed the Committee of their efforts to provide or host training to assist neighbouring countries in their region with preparing for the audit.

7.5 A number of delegations emphasized that a direct link between the corrective action plan of the audits and the revised CMP module was crucial to assist in programming relevant technical assistance to Member States. The Secretariat informed the Committee that the revised CMP module would contain a direct link where the information contained within would be available to the Member State concerned only and the relevant officers in the Secretariat who were responsible for identifying and programming the relevant technical assistance under ITCP.

7.6 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 68/INF.10 (Argentina), which reported on the Audit Scheme-related technical cooperation activities offered by Argentina to the countries of the region.

## **8 REVIEW AND STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXERCISE FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2015**

8.1 The Committee considered two documents under this agenda item. The first was document TC 67/10(a)/2, submitted by the Republic of Korea to the Committee's sixty-seventh session in 2017, which provided comments on document TC 67/10(a). The second document, TC 68/8 (Secretariat), contained an update on the Secretariat's response to the recommendations of the external assessment report of the Impact Assessment Exercise covering the activities of ITCP during the period 2012-2015, as well as an update on the status of implementation of those recommendations.

8.2 The Committee recalled that, at its sixty-seventh session in July 2017, the Secretariat had been requested to implement the five recommendations that had no budgetary implications and to analyse and estimate the costs of the six recommendations that had budgetary implications.

8.3 The Committee noted the response provided by the Secretariat regarding recommendation 1.1 on enhancing the CMPs as well as recommendations 1.2, 1.3 and 2.3 on the creation of an integrated database for recipients of ITCP training programmes, and commended the Secretariat for developing the database for the automation of certain aspects of implementation of technical cooperation activities.

8.4 In response to the query from one delegation regarding the engagement of new consultants in the e-roster through a simplified process which would allow Member States to provide information on the experience of the consultants to deliver ITCP activities, the Secretariat provided detailed clarification on the internal processes for the validation and recruitment of consultants. Furthermore, the Secretariat indicated that the process would be part of the review and reform of technical cooperation.

8.5 The delegation of the Cook Islands highlighted that rates paid to IMO consultants were considerably less than those paid to other consultants working for the global maritime industry. The delegation also emphasized that the consequences of low remuneration included a shortage of high-level quality consultants. In response, the Secretariat informed the Committee that IMO fees paid to consultants were in line with those of the United Nations system, and that the Secretariat had no problem finding consultants willing to be engaged at the IMO rates.

8.6 The Committee also noted the information regarding recommendations 1.4, 1.6, 1.7 and 3.3 on the use of modern technology, and the possibilities that the Secretariat was exploring to introduce the use of modern technology in the implementation of technical cooperation activities through the use of IMOSpace, remote lecturing and e-learning courses.

8.7 The delegation of Ghana expressed concern about limiting the focus of implementation of modern technology for delivery of technical assistance to model courses, and suggested including all activities covered by ITCP. The Secretariat assured the Committee that all technical cooperation activities would be taken into account.

8.8 With regard to recommendation 3.5 on in-house communication and use of all available resources and recommendations 4.1 and 4.2 on monitoring and evaluation of ITCP, the Committee noted the information provided on the enhanced new reporting features in the SAP system, and welcomed the new tool introduced in the Member State Audit module in GISIS, which enabled access to relevant officers in the Secretariat in order to facilitate targeted planning of technical assistance activities, based on the outcome of the audits.

8.9 The Committee:

- .1 noted the proposal contained in document TC 67/10(a)/2 on setting up minimum requirements for new IMO consultants, including proof of their experience;
- .2 noted the update provided by the Secretariat in document TC 68/8 related to the implementation of the recommendations of the external assessment report of the Impact Assessment Exercise and the development of an ITCP portal;
- .3 decided to request MEPC and MSC to identify and prioritize which of the model courses could be considered for conversion into an e-learning model course, and to consider reviewing the *Revised guidelines for the development, review and validation of model courses* (MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.15), if deemed appropriate;
- .4 urged Member States and international organizations to consider sharing those of their training facilities 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; and
- .5 encouraged Member States and international organizations to consider making financial contributions or providing in-kind support for acquiring technology to facilitate remote connectivity for the delivery of technical cooperation activities.

## 9 GLOBAL MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

### (a) World Maritime University

9.1 The Committee considered document TC 68/9(a) (Secretariat), which summarized the main activities undertaken by WMU during 2017 related to governance and management, financial matters, programme enrolments, academic developments and partnerships, research and consultancies, and international conferences and events.

9.2 The Committee noted with satisfaction the activities undertaken by WMU, which celebrated its 35th anniversary in May 2018, and commended the WMU President's contribution to the successful work of the University. Many delegations expressed their appreciation for the University's contribution to the valuable education received by their nationals, who were now playing an important role in their maritime administrations. One delegation proposed to explore the option of leveraging the network of WMU alumni.

9.3 The Committee welcomed the following announcements:

- .1 10 WMU fellowships, to be granted from Australia to support students from the South Pacific States;
- .2 €50,000 to WMU from the Netherlands through ITCP; and
- .3 \$10,000 to WMU from Ghana.

9.4 The Committee considered document TC 68/9(a)/1 (Secretariat), which provided an update on the issue of the former WMU branches and, more specifically, on the progress

regarding the evaluation of the 14 former WMU branches and the new partnership structure in the form of either a memorandum of agreement (MoA) (with legally binding commitments) or a memorandum of understanding (MoU) (cooperative expression of interest). The Committee was informed that the new partnership structure would apply to all former WMU branches that passed the evaluation and to all future partnering initiatives with other academic institutions. The new partnership arrangements would facilitate and strengthen the connection between WMU and other institutions in favour of international training.

9.5 The Committee noted that 2 of the 14 former WMU branches, namely the Dalian Maritime University, China, and the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, Egypt, had undergone a successful evaluation and that it was WMU's intention to complete all evaluations by mid-2019. The delegation of China reaffirmed its Government's support and noted that the Dalian Maritime University looked forward to continued cooperation with WMU through the new memorandum of agreement to be signed.

9.6 The Committee, in connection with WMU:

- .1 noted the summary of activities undertaken by WMU during the calendar year 2017;
- .2 expressed its appreciation to the host Government of Sweden and to those donors who had contributed to the WMU Endowment Fund and urged Member States and the shipping industry to provide financial contributions to the Fund as a means to ensure the University's long-term sustainability;
- .3 noted the inauguration of the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute on 8 May 2018 and expressed its appreciation to The Nippon Foundation for its continuous support for WMU, particularly with the operationalization of the Institute;
- .4 strongly urged Member States and the shipping industry to make financial contributions, in the form of student fellowships, as well as donate equipment and facilities for its academic premises;
- .5 urged Member States once more to take action so as to enable recognition, under their national legislation, of the degrees conferred by WMU and to inform the Organization accordingly; and
- .6 noted the progress made with regard to the evaluation of the former WMU branches and encouraged WMU to continue with the evaluation of the rest of the former branches with a view to completing all evaluations by mid-2019 and establishing a new partnership structure, and report back to the sixty-ninth session of the Committee.

9.7 The Committee also noted the information provided in document TC 68/INF.5 (Peru) on the World Maritime University Regional Alumni Conference for the Americas, which was held in Lima, Peru, from 23 to 25 October 2017.

**(b) IMO International Maritime Law Institute**

9.8 The Committee considered document TC 68/9(b) (Secretariat), which outlined the main activities undertaken by IMLI during 2017 related to governance and management, financial matters, programme enrolments, academic developments and partnerships, international conferences and publications.

9.9 The delegations who spoke noted with satisfaction the activities undertaken by IMLI and commended the IMLI Director for his robust leadership and commitment in ensuring the Institute's performance and its financial sustainability. A number of delegations praised the high value and expanded programmes offered by the Institute, which continued to benefit developing countries at many levels. The efforts and dedication of the IMLI staff were also recognized and appreciated.

9.10 One delegation noted the increase in the enrolment of students and welcomed the greater number of women graduating from the Institute who were now involved in the maritime sector.

9.11 The Committee, in relation to IMLI:

- .1 noted the summary of activities undertaken by IMLI during 2017;
- .2 urged Member States once more to take action so as to enable recognition, under their national legislation, of the degrees conferred by IMLI, and to keep the Organization informed of developments in that regard;
- .3 expressed its appreciation to the host Government of Malta and to those donors who had contributed through financial and in-kind support to the Institute;
- .4 noted with satisfaction and appreciation the Institute's fruitful partnership with The Nippon Foundation during the past years and the Foundation's generous contribution through the provision of scholarships and teaching posts at the Institute; and its contribution towards the production of the IMLI report on Global Ocean Governance; and
- .5 strongly urged Member States, intergovernmental organizations and shipping industry stakeholders to make voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to IMLI.

**(c) Other established arrangements**

9.12 The Committee noted the information provided in document TC 68/9(c) (Secretariat) on long-established partnership arrangements with maritime training institutions, namely the International Maritime Safety, Security and Environment Academy (IMSSEA), Italy, and the Institut Portuaire d'Enseignement et de Recherche du Havre (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 2017, through the provision of IMO fellowships to developing countries.

9.13 The Committee was informed of the recent visit of the Acting Director of the Technical Cooperation Division to IMSSEA to discuss the strengthening of the relationship between IMO, Italy and the Academy for the delivery of future training programmes.

9.14 The delegation from Italy updated the Committee on the status of activities provided by IMSSEA and thanked the Acting Director for his visit to the Academy, which had been greatly appreciated.

9.15 The Committee was informed by the Maritime Organization for West and Central Africa (MOWCA) of the 60th anniversary of the Regional Maritime University in Accra, Ghana, and MOWCA expressed its appreciation to IMO and Member States for the support provided to the University throughout the years, from the time it had been a Regional Maritime Academy.

## **10 DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE ORGANIZATION FOR 2018-2023**

10.1 The Committee noted the information provided in documents TC 67/11 and TC 68/10 (Secretariat), which reported on the development of a new strategic framework for the Organization for 2018-2023.

10.2 The Committee noted that the new Strategic Framework, as adopted by the thirtieth regular session of the Assembly in resolution A.1110(30), identified seven strategic directions and was fixed for a six-year period 2018-2023, a departure from the five-year practice in the past. In particular, the Committee noted the importance of strategic direction 1, which was central to the work of the Committee.

## **11 APPLICATION OF THE DOCUMENT ON THE ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE**

11.1 The Committee considered document TC 68/11 (Secretariat), which contained the proposed draft revised document on the organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee in order to align it with the provisions of Assembly resolution A.1111(30) on *Application of the Strategic Plan of the Organization*. The proposal was submitted in track changes in the annex to document TC 68/11.

11.2 The Committee was informed that Assembly resolution A.1111(30) had requested the Council and the committees to review and revise their documents on the organization and method of their work, as appropriate, taking into account the document on *Application of the Strategic Plan of the Organization*.

11.3 The Committee was further informed that nothing in the document could prohibit the Committee from taking immediate action on urgent matters if the risk of not acting would adversely affect the Organization's ability to meet its objectives.

11.4 The Committee approved the proposed revised document on the *Organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee*, annexed to document TC 68/11, and requested the Secretariat to issue it in the form of a new TC circular.

## **12 WORK PROGRAMME**

12.1 The Committee examined the information provided in document TC 68/12 (Secretariat) and approved the biennial status report of the Technical Cooperation Committee for the 2018-2019 biennium, as set out in annex 2, and the substantive items to be included in the provisional agenda for the period 2019-2022, as set out in annex 3.

## **13 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2019**

13.1 Pursuant to the provisions of rule 17(b) of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia) as its Chair and H.E. Mr. Laurent Parenté (Vanuatu), as its Vice-Chair for 2019.

## **14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### ***New GISIS module on National Maritime Legislation***

14.1 The Committee considered document TC 68/14 (Secretariat) regarding a new GISIS module on National Maritime Legislation developed by the Secretariat in the context of Assembly resolutions A.1029(26) on *Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)* and A.1074(28) on *Notification and circulation through the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)*. This module would facilitate the uploading of national maritime legislation by Contracting Governments or Parties in order to fulfil their obligation to communicate national legislative texts as required under the provisions of the relevant IMO conventions.

14.2 The Committee noted that Member States could also upload their national maritime legislation implementing IMO conventions which did not contain the mandatory reporting or communication of information requirements. The Committee also noted that the module allowed Member States to use hyperlinks to national websites as an alternative to uploading PDF documents, which might allow better access to current legislation rather than potentially outdated information held by IMO.

14.3 The Committee noted with appreciation the important development of a new GISIS module on National Maritime Legislation and encouraged Member States to use the module when it went live.

### ***The Nippon Foundation Fellows Conference held in Tbilisi, Georgia***

14.4 The Committee noted the information contained in document TC 68/INF.13 (Georgia) on The Nippon Foundation Fellows Conference and the statement made by the delegation of Japan.

### ***19th session of the Asia-Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies Forum held in Viña del Mar, Chile***

14.5 The Committee noted the information provided by Australia on the proceedings of the 19th session of the Asia Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies Forum held in Chile in April 2018.

### ***Date and place of the next session***

14.6 The next session has been tentatively scheduled to take place at IMO Headquarters from Tuesday, 25 June to Thursday, 27 June 2019.

## **15 ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL**

15.1 The Council is invited to:

- .1 note the summary of the Committee's report on its sixty-eighth session (C 120/12/Add.1), in particular the Committee's approval of the strategy for resource mobilization for IMO technical cooperation activities; the review and restructure of the CMP; the establishment of a correspondence group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; the revised document on the *Organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee* in order to align it with the document on *Application of the Strategic Plan of the Organization*; 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 2019-2022; and

- .2 authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee's sixty-eighth session to the thirty-first session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

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## ANNEX 1

### TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A CORRESPONDENCE GROUP ON THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Correspondence Group, led by the delegation of Vanuatu, taking into account the decisions, comments and proposals made at the sixty-eighth session of the Technical Cooperation Committee, should:

- .1 consider Assembly resolution A.1127(30), documents TC 67/5(c), TC 67/5(d), TC 68/5(c), TC 68/5(d), TC 68/5(d)/1, TC 68/5(d)/2, and TC 68/INF.14 and other relevant documentation available on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- .2 develop SMART indicators for data collection within IMO's mandate for technical cooperation, identify milestones and set targets that can be measured and attributed to IMO; and
- .3 submit a report to the Secretariat by Friday, 18 January 2018.

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**ANNEX 2**  
**BIENNIAL STATUS REPORT**

<b>TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE (TCC)</b>									
<b>Reference to SDs, if applicable</b>	<b>Output number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Target completion year</b>	<b>Parent organ(s)</b>	<b>Associated organ(s)</b>	<b>Coordinating organ</b>	<b>Status of output for Year 1</b>	<b>Status of output for Year 2</b>	<b>References</b>
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			In progress		
	1.2	Input on identifying emerging needs of developing countries, in particular SIDS and LDCs to be included in ITCP	Continuous	TCC			In progress		
	1.4	Analysis of consolidated audit summary reports	Annual	Assembly	MSC/ MEPC/ LEG/TCC/ III		Ongoing		
	1.6	Monitoring of ITCP programme implemented on the enhancement of maritime training capacities, including middle and senior management levels	Annual	TCC			Ongoing		
	1.7	Identify thematic priorities within the areas of maritime safety and security, marine environmental protection, facilitation of maritime traffic and maritime legislation	Annual	TCC			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			Ongoing		TC 68/5(a) and TC 68/5(b)
	1.9	Report on activities within ITCP related to the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol	Annual	TCC			Ongoing		TC 68/3
	1.10	Report on ITCP programme on support to SIDS and LDCs for their special shipping needs	Annual	TCC			Ongoing		TC 68/3
	1.19	Approve ITCP for 2020-2021	2019	TCC					
SD 4 Engage in ocean governance	4.2	Input to ITCP on emerging issues relating to sustainable development and achievement of the SDGs	2019	TCC	MSC/FAL/LEG/MEPC				
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			Ongoing		TC 68/5(c)
SD 7 Ensure organizational effectiveness	7.1	Endorse 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		

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		Ongoing		TC 68/6(b)
	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			Ongoing		TC 68/4(a)
	7.5	Analysis and consideration of reports on the implementation of the approved mechanism for sustainable financing of ITCP	Annual	TCC			Ongoing		TC 68/4(a)
	7.6	Monitoring measures on new and cost-effective measures to deliver technical assistance	Annual	TCC			Ongoing		
	7.7	Approved annual report on ITCP implementation	Annual	TCC			Ongoing		TC 68/3
	7.9	Revised documents on organization and method of work, as appropriate	2019	Council	MSC/FAL/ LEG/TCC/ MEPC		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			Ongoing		TC 68/4(a)

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					TC 68/8
Other work	OW 11	Monitoring of South-South cooperation reflected in ITCP and partnerships	Continuous	TCC			In progress		
	OW 21	Analysis and consideration of reports on strengthened regional associations for women managers in the maritime sector	Annual	TCC			Ongoing		TC 68/5(d)
	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				
	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				

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### ANNEX 3

## SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD 2019 TO 2022

### Sixty-ninth session of the Committee (June 2019)

Work of other bodies and organizations

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme:

- (a) Annual Report for 2018
- (b) Programme for 2020 and 2021

Financing the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme:

- (a) Technical Cooperation Fund Allocation for 2020 and 2021
- (b) Sustainable financing

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Partnerships:

- (a) Regional presence and coordination
- (b) Partnership arrangements

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 2020

Any other business

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

### Seventieth session of the Committee (June 2020)

Work of other bodies and organizations

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme: Annual Report for 2019

Sustainable financing of ITCP

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development  
Partnerships:

- (a) Regional presence and coordination
- (b) Partnership arrangements

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:

- (a) Annual Report for 2020
- (b) Programme for 2022 and 2023

Financing the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme:

- (a) Technical Cooperation Fund Allocation for 2020 and 2021
- (b) Sustainable financing

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Partnerships:

- (a) Regional presence and coordination
- (b) Partnership arrangements

IMO Member State Audit Scheme

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

Global maritime training institutions

Report of the evaluation of 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: Annual Report for 2021

Sustainable financing of the ITCP

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Partnerships:

- (a) Regional presence and coordination
- (b) Partnership arrangements

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 2023

Any other business

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

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## ANNEX 4

### STATEMENTS BY DELEGATIONS

#### ITEM 4(c)

##### **Statement by the Cook Islands**

Firstly, we'd like to thank the donors identified in this submission; next we'd like to highlight the major projects GloBallast, GloMEEP, GMN, NORAD and others that have continued to attract external donor funding by following a results-oriented approach.

This kind of results-based approach provides assurances to donors that resources allocated are being utilized to achieve meaningful results. We believe that this approach should be kept in mind when looking for sustainable donations or funding.

While we are on the topic of these projects, we'd like to note the achievements of those women leading projects such as GloMEEP and MTCCs and also acknowledge IMO's continued commitment to leading the way on working towards SDG 5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

We see these projects as showing that IMO does indeed recognize the importance and benefit of investing in the future through such talented young women.

#### ITEM 6(a)

##### **Statement by Australia**

Australia notes the strong record of delivery of the four IMO Regional Presence Offices. These offices play an important role in supporting developing Member States to ratify and implement IMO instruments. We appreciate the initial step of IMO to fund the appointment of a position within SPC to assist with the delivery of ITCP activities to the Pacific region. With the IMO's stated focus to support small island developing States and least developed countries, it is a logical expectation that an official IMO Regional Presence Office be established in the region. Australia requests that the Secretariat specifically provide its view on the establishment of a permanent 'official' Regional Presence Office in the Pacific.

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