

RESOLUTION A.353(IX)

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Agenda item 20*

**CO-OPERATION BETWEEN IMCO AND THE ILO ON
THE SUBJECT OF SUB-STANDARD SHIPS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING the responsibilities of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization in the general adoption of the highest practicable standards in matters concerning maritime safety and efficiency of navigation, as defined in its constitution,

NOTING FURTHER the extensive work carried out by and in the Organization in the discharge of these responsibilities by, *inter alia*, promoting the adoption of conventions and other instruments,

RECALLING the many important administrative and substantive functions conferred upon IMCO and its Secretariat by or under these conventions and instruments in respect of the implementation and further development thereof,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the work performed in this regard by IMCO and its Member Governments and, in particular, the very serious work on sub-standard ships begun in 1974 and now continuing in the Maritime Safety Committee,

RECALLING Resolution A.321(IX) by which it adopted the Procedures for the Control of Ships in order to strengthen the existing arrangements for ensuring compliance with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960 and the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966,

NOTING FURTHER that the Marine Environment Protection Committee has been requested to consider whether the Procedures could be extended to conventions relating to marine pollution,

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the work of the Preparatory Technical Maritime Conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) held in October 1975 and, in particular, the proposal at the Conference that the ILO should sponsor the adoption of an international instrument on sub-standard ships, which could include the obligation that Contracting Parties would have to report under the ILO Constitution to the ILO on action taken in implementing conventions and other instruments prepared and adopted by or under the auspices of IMCO,

CONVINCED that the most effective means of promoting maritime safety is to encourage the widest possible ratification by States of the existing IMCO conventions and instruments in the field of maritime safety, and the participation of all interested States in the ongoing process of review and improvement of these conventions within IMCO organs and through IMCO-sponsored conferences,

CONVINCED FURTHER that the effective implementation of these conventions and instruments, including any necessary international supervision of such implementation, can best and most properly be achieved through the established and well-tried machinery available in IMCO,

RECALLING the established relationship between the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations system regarding consultation and co-ordination in matters of common concern to two or more of such agencies and, in particular, the Agreement of 16 January 1969 between IMCO and the ILO in which the two organizations agreed that they "will act in close co-operation with each other and consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest",

RECALLING FURTHER the long-standing co-operative relationship between IMCO and the ILO under which each Organization is able to participate in the work of the other and, where necessary or appropriate, to make proposals on substance and procedure in matters of interest or concern to it,

RECOGNIZING the legitimate interest which the ILO and its Members have in the promotion of maritime safety and social standards and consequently in the general problem of sub-standard ships,

CONVINCED however that the interests of the ILO as regards maritime safety can fully and effectively be safeguarded through the established co-operative arrangements and that information regarding the implementation and enforcement of any IMCO conventions and instruments on maritime safety in general and sub-standard ships in particular will always be available to the ILO and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system,

AFFIRMS that primary responsibility for promoting maritime safety and the adoption and implementation of safety régimes applicable to sub-standard ships rests with IMCO in accordance with the terms of its Convention,

REITERATES the firm determination of the Organization to continue with its work in this field and to take all necessary and practicable measures in dealing with the problem of sub-standard ships,

REAFFIRMS its willingness at all times to consult and co-operate fully with the ILO and all other interested organizations in this work,

RESOLVES to authorize the Secretary-General in consultation, as appropriate, with the Council or other relevant organs of IMCO to:

- (1) make available to the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations upon request and as may be appropriate, information concerning adherence to and compliance with the conventions and other instruments for which IMCO acts as depositary;
- (2) make available upon the same basis information concerning the application of codes, guidelines and recommendations of all kinds relating to safety at sea and the other activities of IMCO; and
- (3) co-operate with the ILO through joint and co-ordinated undertakings approved by the competent bodies of the two Organizations in the exchange of information bearing upon the work of both Organizations and particularly in preparing or adopting drafts of maritime instruments, which should remain within the respective spheres of competence and responsibility of these Organizations,

DIRECTS the attention of appropriate bodies of IMCO to the terms of this Resolution and requests them to provide the Secretary-General with guidance and advice on the implementation of the terms thereof,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to bring this Resolution to the attention of the ILO and of other organizations in the United Nations system.