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HIGH-LEVEL ACTION PLAN OF THE ORGANIZATION AND PRIORITIES
FOR THE 2006-2007 BIENNIUM

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the directives contained in resolution A.500(XII) concerning co-ordination of the work of the Committees by the Council, taking into account the views of the Committees on priorities and their responsibilities for substantive technical and legal matters,

RECALLING ALSO the directives contained in resolution A.777(18) concerning the work methods and organization of work in the Committees and their subsidiary bodies; resolution A.900(21) concerning the objectives of the Organization in the 2000s; and resolution A.901(21) concerning Technical Co-operation in the 2000s,

RECALLING FURTHER resolution A.970(24) by which it approved the Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2006 to 2011,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation of the Council at its ninety-third session to discontinue the Organization's Long-term Work Plan,

HAVING CONSIDERED ALSO the proposals of the Council, at its twenty-third extraordinary session, for the adoption of a high-level action plan and related priorities for the 2006-2007 biennium, which have been prepared on the basis of the Strategic Plan taking into account input from the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, the Technical Co-operation Committee and the Facilitation Committee:

1.	ENDORSES the decision of the Council to discontinue the preparation of the Organization's Long-term Work Plan comprising an indicative list of subjects for consideration by the Organization, as a consequence of the adoption of the Strategic Plan and the high-level action plan;

2.	APPROVES the high-level action plan and priorities for the 2006-2007 biennium as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

3.   REQUESTS the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, the Technical Co-operation Committee and the Facilitation Committee, when reporting on their work to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth regular session, to report progress towards fulfilling the Organization's aims and objectives using the framework of the high-level actions and planned biennial outcomes;

4.   FURTHER REQUESTS all the Committees, when considering proposals for new work programme items, to ensure that the issues to be addressed are those which fall within the scope of the Strategic Plan;

5.   ALSO REQUESTS all the Committees to review their guidelines for the organization and method of their work and, as appropriate, that of their subsidiary bodies, in order to require that submissions for new work programme items include an indication of how they relate to the scope of the Strategic Plan;

6.   EMPHASIZES that the high-level action plan and related outputs, especially those involving amendments to existing conventions, particularly those which have been in force for a short period, should take fully into account the directives in resolution A.500(XII), and that due attention should be given to the requirement that a well-documented compelling need must be demonstrated for the development and adoption of new or revised standards;

7.   REITERATES ITS REQUEST to the Council and all the Committees, when making recommendations for their work programmes during the Strategic Plan period, to bear in mind the desirability of not scheduling more than one diplomatic conference in each year, save in exceptional circumstances;

8.   REVOKES resolution A.943(23).

ANNEX

**HIGH-LEVEL ACTION PLAN OF THE ORGANIZATION
AND PRIORITIES FOR THE 2006-2007 BIENNIUM**

1   The Organization's Strategic Plan for the period 2006 to 2011 (resolution A.970(24)) includes thirteen key strategic directions for enabling IMO to achieve its mission objectives. In order for the Organization to effectively address those strategic objectives, a high-level action plan has been developed which identifies the actions required and provides the linkage between the Organization's strategy and the work of the Committees.

2   The high-level action plan is presented in two parts:

      Part 1: identifies the high-level actions necessary to achieve the strategic objectives in the Strategic Plan;

      Part 2: identifies the priorities for the 2006-2007 biennium in response to those identified actions.

3   The progress of the Organization towards fulfilling its aims and objectives will be monitored through the series of performance indicators in the Strategic Plan and also by monitoring the Committees' progress against their planned output for the biennium.

PART 1

High-level actions

	Strategic Direction from resolution A.944(23)			High-level actions	
1	IMO is the primary international forum for technical matters affecting international shipping	.1	Further develop its role in maritime affairs *vis-à-vis* other intergovernmental organizations, so as to be able to deal effectively and comprehensively with complex cross-agency issues	.1	Take the lead and actively promote its role as the primary international forum on matters within its purview
				.2	Co-operate with the United Nations and other international bodies on matters of mutual interest
		.2	Actively engage the various stakeholders – new and existing – in the shipping arena, including non-governmental organizations, industry and the public in general, to ensure a more inclusive approach to decision-making	.1	Further encourage the active participation of all stakeholders to achieve the Organization's mission objectives through consultation and liaison
		.3	Actively seek to reap synergies and avoid duplication of efforts made by other UN agencies in shipping matters	.1	Consider issues under the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention relevant to the role of the Organization
				.2	Follow up the activities of UNCED and WSSD, including prevention of marine pollution from offshore oil and gas activities
				.3	Monitor developments within GESAMP and make full use of the knowledge available and gained
				.4	Promote facilitation measures
				.5	Harmonize IMO instruments with other relevant international instruments, as necessary
2	IMO will foster global compliance with its instruments governing international shipping and will promote their uniform implementation by Member States			.1	Monitor and improve conventions, etc. and provide interpretation thereof if requested by Member States
				.2	Encourage and support implementation of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme
				.3	Encourage the worldwide provision of maritime search and rescue services
3	IMO will strengthen its capacity-building programmes	.1	Developing capacity-building partnerships with governments, organizations and industry	.1	Participate in environmental programmes with UNDP, UNEP, World Bank, etc.
				.2	Establish partnerships with governments, organizations and industry to enhance the delivery of IMO's capacity-building programmes
				.3	Promote and strengthen partnerships with global maritime training institutions and training programmes
		.2	Ensuring the long-term sustainability of the ITCP	.1	Mobilize and allocate financial or in-kind resources including the promotion of technical and economic co-operation among developing countries (TCDC and ECDC)
				.2	Establish an equitable mechanism to ensure the sustainable financing of the ITCP
		.3	Meeting the emerging needs of its developing Member States	.1	Establish arrangements at HQ and in developing regions to identify the emerging needs of developing States in general and the developmental needs of SIDS and LDCs in particular
		.4	Improving the delivery, utilization and effectiveness of its technical co-operation programmes	.1	Consider and prioritize the ITCP
				.2	Strengthen the role of women in the maritime sector
				.3	Develop new measures to deliver technical assistance
				.4	Undertake regular TC impact assessments

	Strategic Direction from resolution A.944(23)				High-level actions
4	Internally, IMO should be able to respond effectively and efficiently to emerging trends, developments, and challenges. It will strive for excellence in institutional governance and management			.1	Ensure that the Organization, within agreed appropriations, uses its resources efficiently and effectively
				.2	Create a knowledge and information-based Organization through improved management and dissemination of information, making use of appropriate technology
				.3	Enhance transparency in the Organization's operations
				.4	Keep under review working methods and processes
5	IMO's highest priority will be the safety of human life at sea	.1	Ensuring that all systems related to enhancing the safety of human life at sea are adequate, including those concerned with large concentrations of people	.1	Review adequacy of passenger ship safety provisions
				.2	Development and review of safe evacuation, survival, recovery and treatment of people following maritime casualties or in case of distress
		.2	Enhancing technical, operational and safety management standards	.1	Keep under review the technical and operational safety aspects of all types of ships, including fishing vessels
				.2	Development and review of training and watchkeeping standards and operational procedures for maritime personnel
				.3	Keep under review standards for safe handling and carriage by sea of solid and liquid cargoes carried in bulk and packaged form
				.4	Keep under review measures to improve navigational safety, including ships' routeing, ship reporting systems, vessel traffic services, requirements and standards for shipborne navigational aids and systems
				.5	Monitor the operation of the global maritime distress and safety system
		.3	Eliminating shipping that fails to meet and maintain these standards on a continuous basis	.1	Keep under review flag and port State procedures for the control of ships
		.4	Increasing the emphasis on the role of the human element in safe shipping	.1	Develop a strategy for the work related to the role of the human element including the chain of responsibility in maritime safety
6	IMO will seek to enhance the security of the maritime transport network, including vital shipping lanes; and to reduce piracy and armed robbery against ships as well as the frequency of stowaway incidents	.1	Promoting a comprehensive and co-operative approach, both among Member States within the Organization and between the IMO and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations	.1	Keep under review measures (e.g. ISPS Code) to enhance security for ships and port facilities including the ship/port interface and shipping lanes of strategic importance
				.2	Keep under review the adequacy of the legal framework to suppress unlawful acts against ships and fixed platforms through the SUA Convention and its Protocol
		.2	Raising awareness of IMO security measures and promoting their effective implementation	.1	Promulgate information on prevention and suppression of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships
				.2	Assist developing regions in their introduction and implementation of effective security measures and measures against piracy and armed robbery against ships
		.3	Increasing the emphasis on the role of the human element and safeguarding the human rights of seafarers in secure shipping	.1	Actively participate in work of the Joint IMO/ILO *Ad Hoc* Expert Working Groups on issues related to safeguarding the human rights of seafarers
				.2	Develop a strategy for the work related to the role of the human element in maritime security
7	IMO will focus on reducing and eliminating any adverse impact of shipping on the environment	.1	Identifying and addressing possible adverse impacts	.1	Monitor pollution and adverse impact on the marine environment caused by ships and their cargoes
				.2	Keep under review measures to reduce adverse impact on the marine environment by ships and their cargoes
				.3	Monitor and keep under review the provision of reception facilities in ports and their adequacy
				.4	Consider the need for the development of measures to prevent and control marine pollution from small craft

			Strategic Direction from resolution A.944(23)			High-level actions
		.2	Developing effective measures for mitigating and responding to the impact on the environment caused by shipping incidents and operational pollution from ships		.1	Keep under review the guidelines on the identification of places of refuge
					.2	Keep under review the adequacy of the legal framework
					.3	Foster co-operation and mutual assistance between Member States under the provisions of the OPRC Convention and OPRC-HNS Protocol
		.3	Increasing the emphasis on the role of the human element in environmentally sound shipping			
8	IMO will seek to ensure that measures to promote safe, secure and environmentally sound shipping do not unduly affect the efficiency of shipping. It will also constantly review such measures to ensure their adequacy				.1	Promote wider acceptance of the FAL Convention and adoption of measures contained therein, to work towards the universal implementation of measures to facilitate international maritime traffic
					.2	Ensure that an appropriate balance is maintained between measures to enhance maritime security and measures to facilitate international maritime traffic
					.3	Encourage the use of information and communication technology to drive continuous improvement and innovation in the facilitation of maritime traffic
9	IMO will pay special attention to the shipping needs of small island developing States (SIDS) and the least developed countries (LDC)				.1	Identify the developmental needs of SIDS and LDCs
10	IMO will establish goal-based standards for the design and construction of new ships				.1	Develop goal-based standards for the design and construction of new ships
11	IMO, in partnership with other stakeholders, will seek to raise the profile of the safety, security and environmental records of shipping in the eyes of civil society	.1	Actively publicizing the vital importance of shipping as a safe, secure and environmentally sound mode of transport for goods and people, and underlining the role of the Organization in that regard		.1	Raise awareness of the role of international shipping in world trade and the global economy and the importance of the Organization's role
		.2	Actively developing its community relations programmes		.1	Actively promote and encourage the development of community relations programmes
12	IMO will take the lead in enhancing quality of shipping	.1	Encouraging the utilization of the best available techniques not entailing excessive costs, in all aspects of shipping		.1	Use formal safety assessment techniques in the development of technical standards
					.2	Use risk-based tools that take account of costs and the human element in the development of operational standards
		.2	Encouraging proper management of ships		.1	Keep under review the effectiveness of the ISM Code with regard to safety and protection of the marine environment
		.3	Promoting and enhancing the availability of, and access to, information – including casualty information – relating to ship safety and security (i.e. transparency)		.1	Consider the wider dissemination of information, analyses and decisions, taking account of the financial implications
		.4	Ensuring that all stakeholders understand and accept their responsibilities regarding safe, secure and environmentally sound shipping by developing a 'chain of responsibility concept' among them		.1	Raise awareness of the 'chain of responsibility' concept among all stakeholders through organizations that have consultative status

	Strategic Direction from resolution A.944(23)			High-level actions	
		.5	Identifying, correlating and evaluating the factors, including human interaction on board ships, that influence safety and security culture, and developing practical and effective mechanisms to address them		
13	IMO will seek to enhance environmental consciousness within the shipping community	.1	Strengthening awareness of the need for a continuous reduction of the adverse impact of shipping on the environment		
		.2	Promoting and enhancing the availability of, and access to, information relating to environmental protection (i.e. transparency)	.1	Consider the wider dissemination of information, analyses and decisions, taking account of the financial implications
		.3	Encouraging the use in shipping of the best available environmental technology not entailing excessive costs, in line with the goal of sustainable development		

PART 2

Priorities for the 2006-2007 biennium

High-level actions		Planned output of the Committees – 2006-2007
ENHANCE STATUS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF IMO		
1.1.1	Take the lead and actively promote its role as the primary international forum on matters within its purview	Note: Outputs of the Committees meeting this high-level action are tabulated against the most relevant high-level actions Draft convention on wreck removal
1.1.2	Co-operate with the United Nations and other international bodies on matters of mutual interest	Policy input to ITU-R study group 8 Policy input to ITU re: radiocommunication issues Policy input to ILO re: seafarer issues Policy input to IHO re: hydrographic matters and promotion of ENCs covering various parts of the globe Policy input to WMO re: meteorological matters Policy input to ICAO re: GNSS and SAR issues Policy input to IMO/FAO Working Group on IUU fishing and related matters Policy input to IALA re: VTS, aids to navigation and AIS matters Policy input to ISO TC 8 for development of industry consensus standards Guidelines in conjunction with ILO on fair treatment of seafarers Policy input on implementation of IMO guidelines on provision of financial security in case of abandonment of seafarers, and IMO guidelines on shipowners' responsibilities in respect of contractual claims for personal injury to or death of seafarers Policy input to the IMO/ILO/Basel Convention Working Group on ship recycling PSSA charting methods and symbols in co-operation with IHO Formalized emergency arrangements with IAEA for response to nuclear/radiological emergencies from ships, including IMO contribution to next version of the "Joint Radiation Emergency Management Plan of the International Organizations" Policy input to the UN Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods for the harmonization of inter-modal transport of dangerous goods Policy input to the IMO/FAO Working Group on IUU fishing and related marine litter/garbage issues (MARPOL Annex V) Policy input to the GMA process Policy input to the GHS (Global Harmonized System) for classification of chemical substances Policy input to a proposed new GESAMP and evaluation of bulk chemicals by the GESAMP-EHS Working Group A conceptual linkage between the goals of the ITCP and the Millenium Development Goals Policy input to UNECE and UNCEFACT: trade facilitation and electronic transmission of information-related matters Policy input to WCO: clearance of ships, persons and cargoes; and security of supply chain-related matters Policy input to UNODC/WCO: prevention and control of illicit drug trafficking-related matters
1.2.1	Further encourage the active participation of all stakeholders to achieve the Organization's mission objectives through consultation and liaison	Reports on results of consultation and liaison
1.3.1	Consider issues under the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention relevant to the role of the Organization	Identification of PSSAs, taking into account Article 211 and other related articles of UNCLOS
1.3.2	Follow-up to the activities of UNCED and WSSD, including prevention of marine pollution from offshore oil and gas activities	Capacity-building follow-up actions reflected in the ITCP Contributions to the follow-up to UNCED and WSSD
1.3.3	Monitor developments within GESAMP and make full use of the knowledge available and gained	Amendments to the IMDG Code and supplements and IBC and BCH Codes Hazard profiles of products omitted from the IBC Code due to missing data and evaluation of newly-submitted substances
1.3.4	Promote facilitation measures	
1.3.5	Harmonize IMO instruments with other relevant international instruments, as necessary	Harmonized provisions relating to the safe, secure and efficient carriage of dangerous goods following participation in the activities of UN CETDG and GHS, and IAEA Amendments to the ICAO/IMO IAMSAR manual Training standards for ratings in STCW Convention and Code (transfer from ILO) Amendments to the IMDG Code and MARPOL Annex III with regard to marine pollutants

High-level actions	Planned output of the Committees – 2006-2007
ENHANCE STATUS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF IMO	
2.1 Monitor and improve conventions, etc. and provide interpretation thereof if requested by Member States	Guidelines on addressing inconsistencies in IMO instruments with respect to life-saving appliances Explanatory notes for harmonized SOLAS chapter II-1 Revised guidelines on major modifications (MSC/Circ.650) Revised "Code for the investigation of marine casualties and incidents" Revised Civil Liability and Fund Conventions, as necessary Guidance on implementation of the HNS Convention Guidelines and interpretations on the 2002 Athens Protocol and other liability and compensation conventions Summary reports and analysis of mandatory reports under MARPOL Amendments to MARPOL Annexes I to VI Unified interpretations of the MARPOL regulations Guidelines for the BWM Convention Clarified boundaries between MARPOL and London Convention 1972 Reports on the average sulphur content of residual fuel oil supplied for use on board ships Guidelines for enforcement of MARPOL Annex I
2.2 Encourage and support implementation of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme	Model training course for auditors to prepare for/undertake audits Capacity-building aspects of the scheme reflected in the ITCP Input to the Model training course for auditors, for the component of the course related to marine environment protection
2.3 Encourage the worldwide provision of maritime search and rescue services	Technical guidance for establishment of regional MRCCs and MRSCs in Africa supported by SAR Fund Further development of the Global SAR plan for the provision of maritime SAR Services Guidance of medical assistance in SAR services ITCP sub-programme contributing to the world-wide provision of maritime SAR services
3.1.1 Participate in environmental programmes with UNDP, UNEP, WORLD BANK, etc.	Guidance for the Secretariat concerning the environmental programmes and projects to which the Organization contributes or executes, such as GEF projects, UNEP projects and programmes, including UNDP and WB projects and the IMO/UNEP forum on regional co-operation in combating marine pollution
3.1.2 Establish partnerships with governments, organizations and industry to enhance the delivery of IMO's capacity-building programmes	Guidance for the Secretariat concerning partnerships with the industry (global initiative) aiming at promoting implementation of the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol Implementation of resolution A.965(23), Development and Improvement of Partnership Arrangements for Technical Co-operation
3.1.3 Promote and strengthen partnerships with global maritime training institutions and training programmes	Global programme on enhancement of maritime training capacities An OPRC-HNS model training course and a BWM training package
3.2.1 Mobilize and allocate financial or in-kind resources including the promotion of technical and economic co-operation among developing countries (TCDC and ECDC)	TCDC reflected in ITCP and partnerships
3.2.2 Establish an equitable mechanism to ensure the sustainable financing of the ITCP	Mechanism on sustainable financing of the ITCP for consideration by the Council and the Assembly
3.3.1 Establish arrangements at HQ and in developing regions to identify the emerging needs of developing States in general and the developmental needs of SIDS and LDCs in particular	Reports on arrangements established and needs of SIDS/LDCs reflected in ITCP Reports on the effectiveness of the regional co-ordinators in the implementation of the ITCP
3.4.1 Consider and prioritize the ITCP	An approved ITCP for 2008/2009 Input to the ITCP on maritime safety and security; environmental protection; facilitation and legislation
3.4.2 Strengthen the role of women in the maritime sector	An enhanced programme on integration of women in the maritime sector.
3.4.3 Develop new measures to deliver technical assistance	Proposals for wider use of e-learning and use of internet to provide training and advisory services. Guidance on effective access to IMO information Training aids and methodologies targeted on the special needs of developing countries
3.4.4 Undertake regular TC impact assessments	Agreed parameters for the ITCP Impact Assessment Exercise (IAE) covering 2004-2007, including a focus on maritime security

High-level actions		Planned output of the Committees – 2006-2007
ENHANCE STATUS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF IMO		
4.1	Ensure that the Organization, within agreed appropriations, uses its resources efficiently and effectively	Approved report on ITCP implementation for 2004-2005
4.2	Create a knowledge and information-based Organization through improved management and dissemination of information making use of appropriate technology	Technical guidance to the Secretariat on establishment and maintenance of the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) Up-to-date inventory of technical co-operation activities related to maritime safety, security and environment protection (MARTECAID) and updated IMO Compendium of Maritime Training Institutes Guidance on establishment and maintenance of information system as part of the GISIS platform as appropriate (databases, website). Bulk Chemical database, CAS database, port reception facilities database, SOPEP database, BWM website, OPRC and OPRC-HNS website, ship recycling website
4.3	Enhance transparency in the Organization's operations	
4.4	Keep under review working methods and processes	Revised Committees' guidelines
DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR SAFE, SECURE, EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND SHIPPING		
5.1.1	Review adequacy of passenger ship safety provisions	SOLAS amendments and performance standards Guidelines on passenger ships Revised guidelines on cross-flooding (resolution A.266(VIII)) Amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2 for safe areas and increased survivability
5.1.2	Development and review of safe evacuation, survival, recovery and treatment of people following maritime casualties or in case of distress	Performance standards for evacuation guidance systems Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats Guidance on compatibility of life-saving appliances Amendments to SOLAS chapter III, the LSA Code and the Recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances Test standards for extended service intervals for inflatable liferafts
5.2.1	Keep under review the technical and operational safety aspects of all types of ships, including fishing vessels	Mandatory requirements for gas-fuelled ships Amendments to the MODU Code Amendments to resolution A.744(18) Amendments to the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes and the DSC Code Amendments to the SPS Code SOLAS amendments on emergency towing systems in ships other than tankers greater than 20,000 dwt Revised Intact Stability Code Performance standards for protective coatings Explanatory notes for harmonized SOLAS chapter II-1 Amendments to LL Convention Revision of the OSV Guidelines Revised 2000 HSC Code and amendments to the DSC Code and 1994 HSC Code Guidelines to enhance the safety of small fishing vessels, particularly in developing countries
5.2.2	Development and review of training and watchkeeping standards and operational procedures for maritime personnel	Guidelines on safety aspects of ballast water exchange Guidelines on training and education for fatigue prevention, mitigation and management Amendments to STCW Convention on training for control and management of ship's ballast water Specifications of minimum standards of competence for personnel on oil, chemical and gas tankers Report on a review of methods for demonstration of competence in STCW Code Chapter VI Report on a review of performance of GMDSS operator's certificate holders Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code on minimum training and certification requirements for SSOs Amendments to STCW Code on training requirements for launching/recovering operations of fast rescue boats and means of rescue in adverse weather conditions Revised resolution A.890(21) – Principles of safe manning Input to the revision of the model training course on chemical carriers Input to the revision of model course on the revised MARPOL Annexes I and II
5.2.3	Keep under review standards for safe handling and carriage by sea of solid and liquid cargoes carried in bulk and packaged form	SOLAS amendments to make the BC Code mandatory Amendments to the BC Code Amendments to the IMDG Code and supplements Guidelines for chemical tankers carrying benzene Amendments to the IBC and BCH Code Urgent follow-up on the issue of fires and explosions on chemical tankers and product tankers under 20,000 deadweight tonnes operating without inert gas systems

High-level actions	Planned output of the Committees – 2006-2007
DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR SAFE, SECURE, EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND SHIPPING	
5.2.4	Keep under review measures to improve navigational safety, including ships' routeing, ship reporting systems, vessel traffic services, requirements and standards for shipborne navigational aids and systems	Guidelines on effective voyage planning for passenger ships Revised performance standards for INS and IBS New routeing measures and mandatory reporting systems including associated protective measures for PSSAs Guidance on the use of ECDIS and development of ENC Revision of the performance standards for VDRs and S-VDRs Update of world-wide radionavigation systems Revision of the performance standards for ECDIS Technical guidance for the Marine Electronic Highway demonstration project Guidance on interpretation of UNCLOS provisions *vis-à-vis* IMO instruments
5.2.5	Monitor the operation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)	Guidelines on emergency radiocommunications including false alerts Further development of the GMDSS master plan on shore-based facilities Amendments to NAVTEX, SafetyNET and MSI Manuals Amendments to SOLAS chapter IV Revised performance standards, in particular for SART Amendments to resolution A.888(20) and recognition of new satellite service providers for GMDSS
5.3.1	Keep under review flag and port State procedures for the control of ships	Guidelines on port State control of seafarers' working hours Revised guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers (resolution A.744(18)) Guidelines on inspection and survey of accommodation ladders Revised guidelines on control and compliance measures to enhance maritime security Harmonized PSC procedures Methodology for the in-depth analysis of annual PSC reports Survey guidelines under the HSSC (resolution A.948(23)) for MARPOL Annex VI and the BWM Convention
5.4.1	Develop a strategy for the work related to the role of the human element including the chain of responsibility in maritime safety	Organizational strategy for addressing the role of the human element in safety, security and marine environment protection
6.1.1	Keep under review measures (e.g. ISPS Code) to enhance security for ships and port facilities including the ship/port interface and shipping lanes of strategic importance	Revised recommendations on the safe transport of dangerous cargoes and related activities in port areas (MSC/Circ.675) Guidelines and guidance on the implementation and interpretation of SOLAS chapter XI-2 and of the ISPS Code Self-assessment questionnaires as aids in the implementation and maintenance of SOLAS chapter XI-2 Amendments to SOLAS, guidelines and performance standards for long-range identification and tracking of ships List of IMO instruments requiring review and amendment so as to include appropriate security-related provisions Train-the-trainer courses to enhance maritime safety and security measures Measures for container/supply chain security
6.1.2	Keep under review the adequacy of the legal framework to suppress unlawful acts against ships and fixed platforms through the SUA Convention and its Protocol	
6.2.1	Promulgate information on prevention and suppression of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships	Monthly, quarterly and annual reports Revised guidance relating to the prevention of piracy and armed robbery to reflect current trends and behaviour patterns
6.2.2	Assist developing regions in their introduction and implementation of effective security measures and measures against piracy and armed robbery against ships	Global technical co-operation programme on maritime security and the IMSTF Technical co-operation activities related to a reduction of piracy and armed robbery reflected in the ITCP
6.3.1	Actively participate in work of the Joint IMO/ILO *ad hoc* expert working groups on issues related to safeguarding the human rights of seafarers	Guidelines on the fair treatment of seafarers Advice on "Guidelines on abandonment of seafarers" and assessment of need for draft convention
6.3.2	Develop a strategy for the work related to the role of the human element in maritime security	Strategy on the role of human element in the enhancement of maritime security taking into account human rights, the workload on seafarers, the revised 1988 SUA Convention and its Protocol and developments relating to the revision of the STCW Convention
7.1.1	Monitor pollution and adverse impact on the marine environment caused by ships and their cargoes	Follow-up to GESAMP study on "Estimates of Oil Entering the Marine Environment from Sea Based Activities" Technical guidance for the Secretariat for the development, on the basis of reporting requirements under MARPOL, OPRC Convention and OPRC-HNS Protocol as well as other relevant sources of information, of a pollution incident information structure for regular reporting to the BLG and/or MEPC

High-level actions		Planned output of the Committees – 2006-2007
DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR SAFE, SECURE, EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND SHIPPING		
7.1.2	Keep under review measures to reduce adverse impact on the marine environment by ships and their cargoes	Guidelines on ballast water management Approved ballast water management systems Approved list of active substances used by ballast water management systems A manual – "Ballast Water Management – How To Do It" Third BWM R and D symposium Policies on Practices Related to the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Ships (resolution A.963(23)) Guidelines for ship CO_2 indexing Guidelines and other follow-up action on revised MARPOL Annex II Guidelines for the treatment of sewage (MARPOL Annex IV) Measures to promote implementation of the AFS Convention A draft legal instrument on ship recycling Designation of special areas and particularly sensitive sea areas and adoption of their associated protective measures Manual on oil spill risk evaluation and assessment of response preparedness Revised manual on administrative arrangements for oil spill response IMO/UNEP manual on natural resource damage assessment following major oil spills Guidance document on contingency planning, hazard evaluation, assessment and response to chemical spills OPRC-HNS Model Course
7.1.3	Monitor and keep under review the provision of reception facilities in ports and their adequacy	MEPC circulars on reception facilities Reports on inadequacy of port reception facilities Action Plan on port reception facilities
7.1.4	Consider the need for the development of measures to prevent and control marine pollution from small craft	Action Plan on prevention and control of marine pollution from small craft, including development of appropriate measures
7.2.1	Keep under review the guidelines on the identification of places of refuge	Bi-annual MSC circulars on designation of maritime assistance services (MAS) Revised guidelines on the identification of places of refuge with regard to marine environment protection
7.2.2	Keep under review the adequacy of the legal framework	
7.2.3	Foster co-operation and mutual assistance between Member States under the provisions of the OPRC Convention and OPRC-HNS Protocol	OPRC-HNS Protocol reflected in ITCP
8.1	Promote wider acceptance of the FAL Convention and adoption of measures contained therein, to assist the Committee's effort and work towards the universal implementation of measures to facilitate international maritime traffic	Report on status of FAL Convention
8.2	Ensure that an appropriate balance is maintained between measures to enhance maritime security and measures to facilitate international maritime traffic	FAL provisions compatible with the provisions in chapter XI-2 of SOLAS and the ISPS Code A standard form for pre-arrival security information Access procedures at the ship/port interface for public officers and service providers visiting a vessel Security procedures on port servicing craft Procedures to facilitate the seafarers access in and out of a port facility during shore leave Documentation required by passengers, particularly transit cruise passengers, to ensure their smooth flow through the port Procedures for cargo and baggage clearance through a port facility Measures for the resolution of problems resulting between port facilities and vessels
8.3	Encourage the use of information and communication technology to drive continuous improvement and innovation in the facilitation of maritime traffic	Information and communication technology solutions and standards for use by Public Authorities to facilitate procedures for visiting ships, their cargo, crews and passengers Revised IMO Compendium of Facilitation and Electronic Business Available technologies to demonstrate to Public Authorities and other stakeholders Model "Single Window" for maritime transport Information technology solutions (e.g. electronic signature) to facilitate the process of clearing the ship, its cargo, passengers and crew
9.1	Identify the development needs of SIDS and LDCs	Report on the attention given by the Committees to SIDS and LDCs
10.1	Develop goal-based standards for the design and construction of new ships	A goal-based standards concept Further development of the methodology Proposals for amendments to conventions

High-level actions	Planned output of the Committees – 2006-2007
ENHANCING THE PROFILE OF SHIPPING, QUALITY CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIENCE	
11.1.1 Raise awareness of the role of international shipping in world trade and the global economy and the importance of the Organization's role	Guidance on demonstrating linkage between safe, secure, efficient and environmentally friendly maritime transport infrastructure and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals Measures to promote the "IMO Children's Ambassador" concept in collaboration with junior marine environment protection associations worldwide
11.2.1 Actively promote and encourage the development of community relations programmes	Guidelines on development of such programmes in the ITCP
12.1.1 Use formal safety assessment techniques in the development of technical standards	Reports of the Group of Experts on FSA
12.1.2 Use risk-based tools that take account of costs and the human element in the development of operational standards	Guidelines for all sub-committees on casualty analysis processes
12.2.1 Keep under review the effectiveness of the ISM Code with regard to safety and protection of the marine environment	Report of study undertaken by the group of experts on the Impact and Effectiveness of the ISM Code Amendments to the ISM Code and to the related guidelines for its implementation (resolution A.913(22))
12.3.1 Consider the wider dissemination of information, analyses and decisions, taking account of the financial implications	Guidance for the Secretariat on the development of GISIS and on access to information
12.4.1 Raise awareness of the "chain of responsibility" concept among all stakeholders through organizations that have consultative status	No planned output 2006-2007
13.2.1 Consider the wider dissemination of information, analyses and decisions, taking account of the financial implications	Guidance for the Secretariat on the development of GISIS and on access to information

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