

**RESOLUTION A.554(13)**

*Adopted on 17 November 1983  
Agenda item 23*

**LONG-TERM WORK PLAN OF THE ORGANIZATION  
(UP TO 1990)**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its resolution A.510(XII) by which it approved the long-term programme of work to be undertaken by the Organization in the period up to 1988,

RECALLING ALSO that it requested the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Facilitation Committee to keep this programme under continuing review in the light of developments in the work of the Organization and bearing in mind the directives contained in resolution A.500(XII) on the objectives of the subjects Organization in the 1980s,

HAVING CONSIDERED the proposal of the Council for a long-term work programme which has been prepared in the light of recommendations from the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Facilitation Committee,

1. APPROVES the long-term work plan comprising an indicative list of subjects for consideration by the Organization for the period up to 1990 as set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. REQUESTS the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Facilitation Committee to keep the respective lists of subjects under review in the light of developments in the work of the Organization while continuing to bear in mind the directives contained in resolution A.500(XII) and to report or recommend, as necessary, to the Assembly at its fourteenth regular session;
3. REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to develop a definitive list of subjects for consideration by the Committee and its Sub-Committees, following the review of its work methods in compliance with resolution A.500(XII);
4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Facilitation Committee, when reviewing the long-term work plan and in making recommendations for the work programme for subsequent periods, to bear in mind the desirability of scheduling not more than one conference in each year, save in exceptional circumstances.

## ANNEX

## SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE LONG-TERM WORK PLAN

The following is an indicative list of subjects for consideration by the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Facilitation Committee for the period up to 1990. This list is not exhaustive and the subjects are not listed in an order or priority.

## MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

(Subject to review in order to develop a definitive list of subjects)

1. Measures to improve maritime safety and efficiency of navigation in general, including:
  - (a) implementation, technical interpretation and improvement of conventions, codes, recommendations and guidelines;
  - (b) procedures for the control of ships including deficiency reports;
  - (c) casualty statistics and investigations into serious casualties; and
  - (d) implementation of harmonized survey and certification requirements and additional guidelines for survey and certification.
2. Training, watchkeeping and operational procedures for maritime personnel including seafarers, fishermen, maritime pilots and those responsible for maritime safety in mobile offshore units.
3. The manning of seagoing ships.
4. Measures to improve navigational safety, including ships' routeing, requirements and standards for navigation aids and ship movement reporting systems and the design and layout of ships' bridges.
5. The global maritime distress and safety system and other maritime radiocommunication matters including navigational warning services, shipborne radio equipment and operational procedures.
6. Survival in case of maritime casualties and distress, including life-saving appliances and the provision of maritime search and rescue services and their possible harmonization with aeronautical search and rescue.
7. The safe carriage of solid bulk cargoes, timber, grain and other cargoes by sea, including containers and vehicles.
8. The carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form, portable tanks, unit loads, other transport units, shipborne barges and intermediate bulk containers (IBCs).
9. Emergency procedures and safety measures for ships carrying dangerous goods, medical first aid in case of accidents involving dangerous goods and the safe use of pesticides in ships.
10. The safe handling and storage of dangerous goods in port areas.
11. Intact stability, subdivision, damage stability and load lines for all types of ships.
12. Tonnage measurement of ships.

13. Safety considerations for machinery and electrical installations.
14. Manoeuvrability of intact and disabled ships.
15. Control of noise and related vibration levels on board ships.
16. Matters pertaining to fire safety in all types of ships.
17. Safety aspects of the design, construction and equipment of all types of ships, such as fishing vessels, oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers, dynamically supported craft, mobile offshore drilling units, special purpose ships, offshore supply vessels, nuclear merchant ships, roll-on roll-off ships, barge carriers, dry cargo ships carrying dangerous chemicals in cargo tanks, barges carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk and diving systems.
18. Co-operation with the United Nations and other international bodies on topics such as:
  - (a) carriage of dangerous goods by all modes;
  - (b) freight container safety in transport by all modes;
  - (c) maritime training, the manning of seagoing ships, watchkeeping and operational procedures;
  - (d) navigation safety and radio matters;
  - (e) safety of fishing vessels;
  - (f) noise levels on board ships;
  - (g) safety of nuclear merchant ships;
  - (h) safety of offshore units;
  - (i) helicopter facilities on board various types of ships; and
  - (j) diving systems.
19. A possible single (unified) international instrument (i.e. one comprehensive convention concerning safety of life at sea and marine environment protection) incorporating and superseding all relevant conventions and instruments currently applicable, which might include:
  - 1974 SOLAS Convention
  - 1978 SOLAS Protocol
  - 1966 Load Line Convention
  - MARPOL 73/78
  - International Bulk Chemical Code
  - International Gas Carrier Code

#### LEGAL COMMITTEE

1. The question of salvage, in particular the possible revision of the existing legal regime to take account of salvage in connection with maritime casualties posing hazards of environmental pollution.
2. Revision of the 1969 Intervention Convention to deal with the reporting of incidents posing serious threats of marine pollution.

3. Draft convention on civil jurisdiction, choice of law, recognition and enforcement of judgments in matters of collision at sea.
4. Draft convention on offshore mobile craft.
5. Consideration of the legal status of novel types of craft, such as air-cushion vehicles, operating in the marine environment.
6. A possible convention on wreck removal and related issues.
7. A possible convention on the regime of vessels in foreign ports.
8. Arrest of seagoing ships.
9. Legal status of Ocean Data Acquisition Systems (ODAS).
10. Possible review of the CMI Brussels Conventions with a view to their being replaced by updated conventions under the auspices of IMO.

## MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

### (I) Principal objectives

1. Solution of problems involved in the implementation of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78) including examination of the problems of the implementation of MARPOL 73/78 in relation to the protection of the marine environment in special areas.
2. Development of suitable procedures for the enforcement of conventions relating to marine pollution.
3. Promotion of technical co-operation, including the development of regional arrangements on co-operation to combat pollution in cases of emergency.

### (II) Specific subjects

1. Uniform interpretation and application of the provisions of MARPOL 73/78 and possible amendments thereto.
2. Reception facilities for residues.
3. Oil discharge and control systems, including those for light refined oils.
4. Measures aimed at elimination of oil pollution from crude oil tankers.
5. Procedures for the control of ships and certificates and the control of discharges from ships.
6. Surveys and certification of ships under MARPOL 73/78.
7. Penalties for infringement of convention provisions.
8. Casualty investigations in relation to marine pollution.
9. Promotion of regional arrangements for combating marine pollution.
10. Development and updating of anti-pollution manual.

11. Development of guidelines on regional arrangements for combating pollution.
12. Identification of the source of discharged oil.
13. Reporting system of incidents to ships causing pollution or threat of pollution.
14. Identification of particularly sensitive sea areas.
15. Development of manual on intervention under the 1969 Convention relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties and the 1973 Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Marine Pollution by Substances other than Oil.
16. Categorization of liquid substances.
17. Procedures and arrangements for the discharge of noxious liquid substances.
18. Prevention of pollution by noxious solid substances in bulk.

#### FACILITATION COMMITTEE

1. The implementation, technical interpretation and improvement of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, and its Annex.
2. Facilitation activities within the Organization, including promotional activities in co-operation with Member Governments, Contracting Governments and organizations concerned; and also including facilitation aspects of forms and certificates emanating from other activities of the Organization.
3. IMO policy on automatic data processing of shipping documents and documents used for the clearance of ships.
4. Examination and possible adaptation of elements of conventions, codes and recommendations of a facilitative nature elaborated by other organizations.
5. Consideration and formulation of proposals for amendments to the Convention or its Annex concerning:
  - (a) temporary importation of specialized cargo handling gear (harmonization with the "Kyoto" Convention);
  - (b) facilitation aspects of the intermodal transport of dangerous goods.
6. Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of ships.
7. Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of persons.
8. Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of cargo.