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## DECISIONS OF OTHER IMO BODIES

### Outcome of the sixty-third session of the Technical Cooperation Committee

#### Note by the Secretariat

#### SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on the outcome of TC 63 on matters of interest to the Committee
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	No related provisions
<i>High-level action:</i>	No related provisions
<i>Planned output:</i>	No related provisions
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 12
<i>Related document:</i>	TC 63/14

#### GENERAL

1 The Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC) held its sixty-third session from 10 to 12 July 2013 and its report on that session has been circulated under the symbol TC 63/14. Decisions taken and comments made by TC 63 of interest to the Committee are reflected in the ensuing paragraphs.

#### WORK OF OTHER BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

2 TC 63 was informed that the ninety-second session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 92/26, paragraph 12.7) had reached the common understanding that GlobalReg should be developed as a model set of regulations for Member States to use. Having noted the potential magnitude of the work to be carried out, the MSC had instructed the Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation (FSI) to undertake the task as proposed, with possible assistance from consultants, and to develop a strategy for the completion of the review of the standards. In response to the request of MSC for possible use of consultants, the Secretary-General indicated his readiness to explore the provision of resources, through the ITCP, for this purpose.

3 The TCC further noted the establishment by the Secretary-General of a new multi-donor trust fund to support an expanded programme of capacity building activities in west and central Africa and the need for continued cooperation between members of the United Nations system.

#### **INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ITCP)**

4 TC 63 was informed that the results of the ITCP implementation showed that 220 activities were successfully delivered during 2012. This number included, inter alia, the implementation of 33 advisory missions and assignments and 118 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 2,935 persons. In addition, 75 fellows completed fellowships in the maritime field and 1,262 officials attended events aimed at developing and harmonizing regional strategies on maritime technical matters.

5 The total expenditure on technical cooperation activities in 2012 reached \$17.3 million, the highest level of annual expenditure on IMO's technical cooperation ever recorded and representing a financial delivery rate of 81% of the resources programmed for that year. The "Profile of resource disbursement" featured 22 sources of funding, with the TC Fund being the most significant, having increased from \$7.4 million in 2011 to just under \$8 million in 2012, representing 46% of the overall total funds expended for that year.

6 The TCC also noted that, as from its sixty-fourth session, a stand-alone annual report on ITCP implementation would be submitted to the Committee in line with IPSAS annual reporting requirements. The Committee further noted that the interim report on the implementation of the ITCP for 2012-2013 would be placed on the Technical Cooperation web page on the IMO website.

7 On the ITCP for 2014-2015, TC 63 was informed that a little over \$25 million was proposed as the funding requirement for the 2014-2015 ITCP, which is made up of seven regional and eight global programmes. The Committee was further informed that the proposed ITCP had been increased by 4.6%, or a little over \$1 million, when compared to the current ITCP 2012-2013, due to the increasing needs of developing countries as well as needs for assistance in the implementation of several new IMO instruments.

#### **REVIEW AND REFORM OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION**

8 The TC Committee noted that, since TC 62, the Secretariat had taken steps to revise the Country Maritime Profile (CMP) template to ensure that it was user-friendly. It further noted that in order to facilitate the storage and retrieval of data, the Secretariat had developed a new module in the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) which contained the CMP data and that Module will go live following its approval by TC 63 and that the template is a living document, with further improvements made as and when necessary.

9 The TCC was informed that a cross-divisional Resource Mobilization Team had been established to develop a sustainable strategy for the long-term financing of the ITCP. Measures to be considered include: increasing the proportion of funding available through multi-donor trust funds to provide the Organization with a greater degree of flexibility in managing resources; increasing the scope of partnerships with existing donors; and developing new revenue streams with industry, regional development banks and other untapped maritime stakeholders.

### **LINKAGE BETWEEN THE ITCP AND THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)**

10 TC 63 was informed that, during the period under review, the first phase of a demonstration project on the potential role of maritime transport facilitation in the reduction of poverty had been carried out in Cameroon. Other ITCP activities reported under this item included those on SAR and GMDSS, safety of non-SOLAS vessels, protection of the marine environment, and improvement in partnership arrangements, combating HIV/AIDs and promotion of gender equality in the maritime sector.

11 Responding to the various comments, the Secretary-General reiterated the importance of the MDGs and their direct link with maritime development issues, and that the completion of the MDGs has less than 1,000 days to its end year of 2015. Consequently, the United Nations and its agencies are developing another set of post-2015 Development Agenda Goals and are considering the inclusion of the outcome of the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Goals. The Secretary-General informed the Committee of his efforts within the United Nations system and at the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development that took place in Yokohama, Japan, from 31 May to 3 June 2013, and sought the support of Member States in ensuring that maritime development is included and accorded high priority in the post-2015 development agenda.

### **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COMMITTEE**

12 The Committee is invited to note the information contained in this document and take action, as appropriate.

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