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Communication of information in accordance with the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document suggests the consideration of action to be taken by the Maritime Safety Committee with regard to the communication of information by Parties to the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended

Strategic direction, if applicable: Not applicable

Output: Not applicable

Action to be taken: Paragraph 8

Related documents: MSC.1/Circ.1163/Rev.11 and MSC.1/Circ.1164/Rev.20

Background

1 With regard to the submission of information by Parties to the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, that demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention, STCW regulation I/7 provides:

"3 Following subsequent confirmation by the Maritime Safety Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Committee, that the information which has been provided demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention:

- .1 the Maritime Safety Committee shall identify the Parties so concerned;
- .2 shall review the list of Parties which communicated information that demonstrated that they give full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention, to retain in this list only the Parties so concerned; and..."

2 Since 2005, the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) has published on a regular basis:

- .1 MSC.1/Circ.1163, as amended, on *Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended, confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the relevant provisions of the Convention; and*
- .2 MSC.1/Circ.1164, as amended, on *Promulgation of information related to reports of independent evaluation submitted by Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended, confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which demonstrates that Parties are giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention.*

3 MSC.1/Circ.1164 and its subsequent revisions build on MSC.1/Circ.1163 by adding information about those Parties that have duly discharged their obligations emanating from the Convention, in particular, on the submission of subsequent reports in accordance with STCW regulation I/8 and sections A-I/7 and A-I/8 of the STCW Code.

STCW regulation I/7.3.2

4 The Committee has never implemented STCW regulation I/7.3.2, which requires that the list of Parties which communicated information that demonstrated that they give full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention, i.e. Parties currently listed in MSC.1/Circ.1163/Rev.11, be reviewed, to retain in this list only the Parties so concerned, i.e. Parties that have met the requirements on the submission of subsequent reports within the time periods prescribed in STCW regulation I/7.1 and reflected in MSC.1/Circ.1164, as amended.

Proposal

5 In light of the foregoing, the Secretariat has conducted, for the Sub-Committee's consideration, the review required by STCW regulation I/7.3.2 which addresses the following:

- .1 the complete list of Parties which communicated information that demonstrated that they give full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention, i.e. Parties currently listed in MSC.1/Circ.1163/Rev.11; and
- .2 a revised list of Parties that only includes Parties that have met the requirements for the submission of subsequent reports within the time periods prescribed. This revised list excludes those Parties that either have not submitted their subsequent reports or have submitted them outside the time periods prescribed so that they are still under consideration by the competent persons.

6 The aforementioned lists are set out in the annex. The revised list of Parties would be a living document and should reincorporate Parties as and when they demonstrate again that they give full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention.

7 Based on the review to be conducted by the Committee on a regular basis, in accordance with STCW regulation I/7.3.2, the new annex to MSC.1/Circ.1163, as amended, would then consist of both of the above-mentioned lists, as set out in the annex.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

8 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the above information and in particular:

- .1 agree to include in MSC.1/Circ.1163, as amended, a revised list of Parties that communicated information that demonstrated that they give full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention, retaining only the Parties that have met the requirements on the submission of subsequent reports within the time periods prescribed in STCW regulation I/7.1 and reflected in MSC.1/Circ.1164, as amended, and invite the Committee to endorse this (paragraphs 5 to 7 and annex); and
- .2 encourage Parties to the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, to properly discharge the obligations emanating from STCW regulation I/8 and sections A-I/7 and A-I/8 of the STCW Code in order to be retained in the revised list.

ANNEX

PARTIES CURRENTLY LISTED IN MSC.1/CIRC.1163/REV.11

Albania	Greece	Peru
Algeria	Guatemala	Philippines (the)
Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras	Poland
Argentina	Hungary	Portugal
Australia	Iceland	Qatar
Azerbaijan	India	Republic of Korea (the)
Bahamas (the)	Indonesia	Romania
Bahrain	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Russian Federation (the)
Bangladesh	Ireland	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Barbados	Israel	Samoa
Belgium	Italy	Saudi Arabia
Belize	Jamaica	Senegal
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Japan	Serbia****
Brazil	Jordan	Seychelles
Brunei Darussalam	Kenya	Singapore
Bulgaria	Kiribati	Slovakia
Cabo Verde	Kuwait	Slovenia
Cambodia	Latvia	Solomon Islands
Canada	Lebanon	South Africa
Chile	Liberia	Spain
China*	Libya	Sri Lanka
Colombia	Lithuania	Sweden
Comoros (the)	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Cook Islands (the)	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
Côte d'Ivoire	Malawi	Thailand
Croatia	Malaysia	Togo
Cuba	Maldives	Tonga
Cyprus	Malta	Trinidad and Tobago
Czech Republic (the)	Marshall Islands (the)	Tunisia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the)	Mauritania	Turkey
Denmark**	Mauritius	Tuvalu
Dominica	Mexico	Ukraine
Ecuador	Micronesia (Federated States of)	United Arab Emirates (the)
Egypt	Montenegro****	United Kingdom (the)****
El Salvador	Morocco	United Republic of Tanzania (the)
Eritrea	Mozambique	United States (the)
Estonia	Myanmar	Uruguay
Ethiopia	Netherlands (the)***	Vanuatu
Fiji	New Zealand	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Finland	Nigeria	Viet Nam
France	Norway	
Georgia	Oman	
Germany	Pakistan	
Ghana	Panama	
	Papua New Guinea	

* Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate Member of IMO).

** Includes: Faroes (Associate Member of IMO).

*** Includes: Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

**** Includes: Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar and Isle of Man.

***** Part of ex. Yugoslavia. As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. Following the dissolution of the State of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all treaty actions relating to the provisions of the STCW Convention undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro with effect from the same date, i.e. 3 June 2006.

REVISED LIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH STCW REGULATION I/7.3.2

Argentina	Ireland
Australia	Israel
Azerbaijan	Italy
Bangladesh	Jamaica
Brazil	Japan
Bulgaria	Kenya
China*	Kiribati
Colombia	Latvia
Croatia	Liberia
Cyprus	Lithuania
Czech Republic	Malta
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Marshall Islands
Denmark**	Mauritius
Ecuador	Morocco
El Salvador	Myanmar
Egypt	Oman
Estonia	Poland
Ethiopia	Republic of Korea
Finland	Russian Federation
Georgia	Singapore
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sri Lanka
Hungary	Turkey
Iceland	Ukraine
India	United Republic of Tanzania
Indonesia	United States
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Viet Nam

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