

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Piracy and armed robbery against ships

Interim Guidance to private maritime security companies (PMSC) providing contracted armed security personnel (PCASP) on board ships in the High Risk Area was adopted as well as interim guidance for flag States on measures to prevent and mitigate Somalia-based piracy.

Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)

The Maritime Safety Committee agreed to review and modernize the GMDSS.

Search and Rescue (SAR)

Developing countries have been encouraged and assisted to become parties to the 1979 SAR Convention, to establish/improve SAR services and enhance co-operation.

Mandatory IMO audit scheme

The draft IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code), and approved draft amendments to the relevant IMO treaties to make the III Code and auditing mandatory were adopted. A draft Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code) and related draft convention amendments were also adopted.

Passenger ship safety

Interim measures aimed at enhancing the safety of passenger ships were agreed, as well as new draft SOLAS requirements to require ships to have plans and procedures to recover persons from the water. A draft amendment to SOLAS to require musters of newly embarked passengers prior to or immediately upon departure was agreed.

Fishing vessel safety

The Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 was adopted at a Conference in Durban, South Africa.

Energy-efficiency measures for ships

The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) continued its work relating to energy-efficiency for ships following the adoption of the new chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI that included the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI), for new ships, and the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan for all ships.

MEPC adopted the 2012 Guidelines on the method of calculation of the attained EEDI and the 2012 Guidelines on survey and certification of the EEDI. MEPC further developed a draft resolution on Promotion of Technical Co-operation and Transfer of Technology relating to the improvement of energy efficiency of ships, with a view to its adoption at MEPC 65.

Ballast water management

MEPC, having granted approval to several more ballast water management (BWM) systems that make use of Active Substances, noted that there are now 28 type-approved BWM

systems available that could achieve the standard contained in regulation D-2 of the BWM Convention.

Recycling of ships

The 2012 Guidelines for the survey and certification of ships under the Hong Kong Convention and the 2012 Guidelines for the inspection of ships under the Hong Kong Convention were adopted.

London Convention and Protocol

The 2012 Specific Guidelines for Assessment of CO₂ Streams for Disposal into Sub-seabed Geological Formations to take into account transboundary migration of CO₂ within such formations was adopted.

Work continued to develop a regulatory mechanism for ocean fertilization. A proposal to amend the London Protocol aimed at regulating marine geo-engineering will be considered in October.

2010 HNS Convention

Guidelines to assist countries in the meeting reporting requirements under the 2010 International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious substances by Sea, 2010 (2010 HNS Convention) were endorsed by the Legal Committee at its 100th session, in April 2013.

Preservation and collection of evidence following an allegation of a serious crime having taken place on board a ship

Draft guidelines on preservation and collection of evidence following an allegation of a serious crime having taken place on board a ship, or following a report of a missing person from a ship, and on pastoral and medical care of victims were approved by the Legal Committee, at its 100th session.
