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ROLE OF THE HUMAN ELEMENT

ISCW Guidelines on ILO Seafarers' Welfare Conventions

Submitted by ISF and ICFTU

SUMMARY

Executive summary: In order to assist with the interpretation and implementation of ILO instruments related to seafarers' welfare, the International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare (ICSW) has produced the attached guidelines

Action to be taken: Paragraph 4

Related documents: None

1 The welfare of seafarers is clearly relevant to any broad consideration of the role of human element in maritime safety: a happy ship is more likely to be a safe ship.

2 The responsibilities of Governments with regard to the promotion of seafarers' welfare are addressed by the International Labour Organization Seafarer's Welfare Convention (No.163) and an accompanying ILO recommendation (No. 173).

3 In order to assist with the interpretation and implementation of these ILO instruments, the International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare (ICSW) (of which ISF and ITF/ICFTU are members) has produced some Guidelines, a copy of which is attached for information*.

Action requested of the Committee

4 The Committee is requested to refer the attached Guidelines to the attention of the MSC/MEPC Human Element Working Group for its information and consideration as appropriate.

* Due to the limited number of copies available, distribution is limited to one copy per delegation at the meeting.