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APPLICATION OF THE COMMITTEES' GUIDELINES

Proposed amendments to the revised Committees' Guidelines

Submitted by INTERTANKO and ITF

SUMMARY

Executive summary: INTERTANKO and ITF have reviewed the draft revised Committees' Guidelines contained in annex 36 to document MSC 87/23 and suggest to incorporate the human element principles

Strategic direction: 7.4

High-level action: 7.4.1

Planned output: 7.4.1.1

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related documents: MSC 87/17/3, MSC 87/23; MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.1 and MSC 87/26

1 At MSC 87, INTERTANKO and ITF in document MSC 87/17/3 expressed the view that it would be prudent and appropriate to incorporate the human element principles into the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies (the Committees' Guidelines).

2 In particular, document MSC 87/17/3 suggested incorporating elements of document MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.1 and MSC/Circ.763-MEPC/Circ.313 into the Committees' Guidelines to ensure that the human element was thoroughly taken into account when considering new work programme items.

3 After some discussion, MSC 87 agreed that an appropriate amendment to the Committees' Guidelines would need to be developed at the next session of the Joint MSC/MEPC Working Group on the Human Element, scheduled to be convened at MSC 88, and invited Member Governments and international organizations to submit comments and proposals for consideration at its next session. (MSC 87/26, paragraph 17.11).

4 Since the Guidelines pertain to both Committees, INTERTANKO and ITF are submitting this document to both MEPC 61 and MSC 88.

5 INTERTANKO and ITF, having reviewed the proposed revised Committees' Guidelines as contained in annex 36 to document MSC 87/23, suggest incorporating the human element principles into the revised Guidelines.

In paragraph 4.8, add a new subparagraph .8 which would read as follows:

".8 Human Element: Provide the completed checklist contained in MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.1 to demonstrate that the human element has been sufficiently addressed."

Renumber the subsequent subparagraphs.

In paragraph 4.12, add a new subparagraph .10 which would read as follows:

.10 Does the completed checklist contained in MSC-MPEEC.7/Circ.1 demonstrate that the human element has been sufficiently addressed?"

Renumber the subsequent subparagraphs.

Action requested by the Committee

6 The Committee is invited to consider the proposed amendments in paragraph 5 above and decide as appropriate.
