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Agenda item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the 108th session of the Maritime Safety Committee,
to be held from Wednesday, 15 May, to Friday, 24 May 2024
at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR**

Session commences at 9.30 a.m. (UTC+1) on Wednesday, 15 May 2024

Opening of the session

- 1 Adoption of the agenda; report on credentials
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
- 4 Development of a goal-based instrument for Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS)
- 5 Development of a safety regulatory framework to support the reduction of GHG emissions from ships using new technologies and alternative fuels
- 6 Revision of the *Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management* (MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.2) and identification of next steps to enhance maritime cybersecurity
- 7 Measures to enhance maritime security
- 8 Piracy and armed robbery against ships
- 9 Unsafe mixed migration by sea
- 10 Domestic ferry safety
- 11 Formal safety assessment
- 12 Navigation, communications and search and rescue (Report of the tenth session of the Sub-Committee)
- 13 Implementation of IMO instruments (Report of the ninth session of the Sub-Committee)
- 14 Carriage of cargoes and containers (Report of the ninth session of the Sub-Committee)

- 15 Ship design and construction (Report of the tenth session of the Sub-Committee)
- 16 Human element, training and watchkeeping (Report of the tenth session of the Sub-Committee)
- 17 Application of the Committee's method of work
- 18 Work programme
- 19 Any other business
- 20 Consideration of the report of the Committee on its 108th session

Notes:

1 In accordance with the *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5):

- .1 documents should be received by the Secretariat as follows:¹
 - .1 documents (including information documents) containing more than six pages of text (bulky documents),² by **13 February 2024 (13-week deadline)**;
 - .2 non-bulky documents including information documents (six pages or fewer) and bulky information documents submitted in electronic format, by **12 March 2024 (nine-week deadline)**; and
 - .3 documents (four pages or fewer) commenting on those referred to in sub-paragraphs .1 and .2 above, by **26 March 2024 (seven-week deadline)**. These documents should start with a paragraph clearly indicating the document on which comments are made and stating that the document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.12.5 of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5;
- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:
 - .1 all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5;
 - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action the Committee is invited to take; and

¹ Documents other than information documents and reports of sub-committees, working, drafting, correspondence and other groups and the Secretariat, which contain more than 20 pages, in line with paragraph 6.11 of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5, will not be translated in their entirety. Such documents should include, for translation purposes, a summary not longer than four pages, with the technical content submitted as an annex in the language needed by working groups (i.e. English).

² In the case of documents containing more than 50 pages, the provisions of paragraph 6.12.1 of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5 apply.

- .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein;
- .3 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:
- font: Arial;
 - font size: 11;
 - justification: full;
 - margins: 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right; and
- .4 to facilitate the processing of documents, they should be submitted through the Meeting Document Submission Portal, available on the IMODOCS homepage (<https://docs.imo.org>) under the "Submissions" tab.

2 MSC has recommended that the provisions of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5, which, inter alia, provide that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Member States or international organizations, should be strictly observed.

3 In order to improve access to information and increase transparency, submitters of meeting documents are invited to give their consent for their documents to be released to the public prior to the meeting by checking the "opt-in box" at the top right corner of the new document template provided on IMODOCS (pre-session public release). In the absence of explicit consent, submissions will not be released to the public prior to the meeting.
