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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the tenth session of the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction,
to be held at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR,
from Monday, 22 January to Friday, 26 January 2024**

(Session commences at 9.30 a.m. (UTC) on Monday, 22 January 2024)

- Opening of the session
- 1 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
 - 3 Development of Guidelines for emergency towing arrangements for ships other than tankers (2.20)
 - 4 Further development of the IP Code and associated guidance (2.4)
 - 5 Review of the 2014 Guidelines for the reduction of underwater noise from commercial shipping to address adverse impacts on marine life (MEPC.1/Circ.833) (2014 Guidelines) and identification of next steps (1.16)
 - 6 Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code (6.22)
 - 7 Safety objectives and functional requirements of the Guidelines on alternative design and arrangements for SOLAS chapter II-1 (2.5)
 - 8 Revision of SOLAS chapters II-1 (part C) and V, and related instruments regarding steering and propulsion requirements, to address both traditional and non-traditional propulsion and steering systems (2.[..])^{*}
 - 9 Amendments to the Guidelines for construction, installation, maintenance and inspection/survey of means of embarkation and disembarkation (MSC.1/Circ.1331) concerning the rigging of safety netting on accommodation ladders and gangways (7.[..])^{*}
 - 10 Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, and environment-related conventions (7.1)

* Output number to be assigned in due course.

- 11 Amendment to regulation 25 of the of the 1988 Load Line Protocol regarding the requirement for setting of guard rails on the deck structure (7[.])^{*}
- 12 Guidelines for use of fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) within ship structures (2[.])^{*}
- 13 Revision of the Interim explanatory notes for the assessment of passenger ship systems' capabilities after a fire or flooding casualty (MSC.1/Circ.1369) and related circulars (7.42)
- 14 Biennial status report and provisional agenda for SDC 11
- 15 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025
- 16 Any other business
- 17 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

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:²
 - .1 documents (including information documents) containing more than six pages of text (bulky documents³), by **20 October 2023 (13-week deadline)**;
 - .2 non-bulky documents including information documents (six pages or fewer) and bulky information documents submitted in electronic format, by **17 November 2023 (nine-week deadline)**; and
 - .3 documents (four pages or fewer) commenting on those referred to in sub-paragraphs .1 and .2 above, by **1 December 2023 (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 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).

³ 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.

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- .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 section 6 of the annex to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5;
 - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
 - .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.

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