



IMO Council Extraordinary Session 29 - Meeting Summary

February 9, 2018

The Council of the International Maritime Organization met for its 29th Extraordinary Session on 23-24 November 2017.

Liberia participated in the meeting as a member of the Council.

Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)

The Council approved the report from MEPC 71 in general and submitted it to the Assembly for further consideration. In particular, the Council endorsed the following intersessional meetings:

- 3 intersessional meetings of the ESPH Working Group, to be held throughout 2018;
- 1 intersessional working group on greenhouse gasses (ISWG-GHG-3) to be held on 03-06 April 2018; and
- 1 intersessional meeting on the consistent implementation of MARPOL Annex VI, regulation 14.1.3, to be held in the second half of 2018.

London Convention and Protocol (LC/LP)

The Council noted the reports from LC 39 / LP 12 in general and submitted them to the Assembly for approval.

Status of Conventions and Other IMO Instruments

The Council acknowledged that the 2004 Ballast Water Management Convention entered into force in Sept 2017. However, the Council supported the Secretary-General's encouragement for member States to accede to other instruments which have as yet not entered into force, notably the: 2009 Hong Kong Ship Recycling Convention; 2010 HNS Protocol, and 2012 Cape Town Agreement.

Periodic Review of Administrative Burdens in Mandatory IMO Instruments

The Council endorsed the conclusion that all IMO Committees and Sub-Committees had completed their work on the analysis and consideration of recommendations to reduce administrative burdens in IMO instruments, including those identified by the Steering

Group for Reducing Administrative Requirements, and the committees would continue any ongoing work related to this topic as part of their regular work programme and any development would be contained in their reports. It was agreed that this work item would continue to be monitored and reviewed as necessary by the relevant Committee and reported to the Council accordingly.

Jeddah Amendments to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, 2017

Following the success of the Djibouti Code of Conduct in reducing the numbers of piracy incidents in the western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden, an amendment to extend the scope of the Code to cover a broader range of maritime security issues was agreed at a meeting held in January 2017 in Jeddah.

The IMO Secretary-General was invited to perform the function of Depository of the Record of the Jeddah Meeting. The Council authorized this, noting that this will not confer any additional competence to the IMO with respect to illicit activities identified in the instrument.

Results-Based Budget for 2018/2019

The Council approved the results-based budget of £69,570,000, for the 2018/2019 biennium, comprising totals of £34,141,000 for 2018 and £35,429,000 for 2019.

In addition, the Council agreed to a total of 32.4 meeting weeks for the period 2018/2019, comprising of a total of 16.6 weeks in 2018 and 15.8 weeks in 2019.

The next meetings of the Council (C 120) is scheduled for: 02-06 July 2018.

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