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(continued)

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**3 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO MANDATORY
INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

Adoption of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention (continued)

In the existing paragraphs 3.92 and 3.93 in document MSC 79/WP.6/Add.2 the reference to “[, X-1]” should be deleted.

The following new paragraph should be added after existing paragraph 3.92 in document MSC 79/WP.6/Add.2:

3.92A With respect to the draft amendments to SOLAS chapter XI-1 (regulations XI-1/3-1 and XI-1/5), the Committee decided to defer the adoption of the draft amendments to MSC 80.

Adoption of amendments to the ISM Code (continued)

The existing paragraph 3.113 in document MSC 79/WP.6/Add.2 should be replaced by the following:

3.113 Having recalled its decision in the context of the consideration of the proposed amendments to SOLAS chapter XI-1, referred to in paragraph 92A, the expanded Committee, including delegations of 95 Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention, considered the final text of the proposed amendments to the ISM Code, prepared by the drafting group (MSC 79/WP.14, annex 10) and, having deleted paragraphs 1 and 3 from the text of amendments prepared by the drafting group, adopted the amendments by resolution MSC...(79), as set out in annex

Adoption of amendments to the ISPS Code (continued)

The existing paragraphs 3.115 and 3.116 in document MSC 79/WP.6/Add.2 should be replaced by the following:

3.115 Having recalled its decision in the context of the consideration of the proposed amendments to SOLAS chapter XI-1, referred to in paragraph 92A, the expanded Committee decided to defer adoption of the proposed amendments to the ISPS Code, prepared by the drafting group (MSC 79/WP.14, annex 11), to MSC 80.

5 MEASURES TO ENHANCE MARITIME SECURITY (continued)**APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICES RENDERED BY MR. JAMES FRANCIS WALL**

5.105 The Committee was advised by its Chairman, Mr. James Francis Wall (United Kingdom), that this was the last time he was chairing the Group.

5.106 The Committee expressed its deep and sincere appreciation to Mr. Wall for the services he has rendered to the Group by chairing and steering it through, on occasions, turbulent times and controversial issues and wished him a long and happy retirement and the best for the future.

11 STABILITY, LOAD LINES AND FISHING VESSEL SAFETY (continued)

Revision of SOLAS chapter II-1 parts A, B and B-1 (continued)

The existing paragraph 11.3 in document MSC 79/WP.6 should be replaced by the following:

“11.3 Following consideration of the submissions by Italy (MSC 79/11/1) and Norway (MSC 79/11/5 and MSC 79/11/6), the Committee agreed to hold an intersessional meeting of the Working Group on Subdivision and Damage Stability, to be held at IMO Headquarters from 19 to 21 January 2005, to consider the issues raised by the delegation of Italy and instructed it to:

- .1 consider the submissions from Italy (MSC 80/3, MSC 80/3/1 and MSC 80/3/2), presenting relevant information and proposals on the probability densities of damage length and damage penetration for large ships, and propose modifications to the draft SOLAS regulation II-1/7-1 (MSC 79/23, annex...), as appropriate, and any related submissions to MSC 80 available at the time of the meeting, taking into account the Committee’s view that any changes to the aforementioned draft regulation have to be fully validated and verified; and
- .2 submit a report to MSC 80.”

18 RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

18.8 In considering the application of EMH, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that consultative status should not be granted to EMH, as that the organization was not considered to be truly international and was viewed as only being able to marginally contribute to the Committee’s work.

18.9 Having reconsidered the application of IBIA, and while noting the relevant decision of MEPC 51 on IBIA, the Committee was satisfied with the additional information provided and decided to recommend to the Council that consultative status be granted to IBIA, since this organization was found to meet the requisite criteria and, in particular, because they were assessed to be able to contribute directly to the Committee’s work and did not seem to have access to IMO through other organizations.

22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (continued)**GMDSS – Future viability of the Inmarsat L-band EPIRB system (continued)**

The following paragraph should be added after paragraph 22.40 in document MSC 79/WP.6/Add.2:

22.40A The delegation of Germany stated that Germany does not concur with the proposed cessation of service of the INMARSAT L Band due to the concerns raised with regard to safety issues as outlined in the paper MSC 79/22/10 and more importantly with regard to contractual matters that had been discussed and decided at the time when privatization of this highly enhanced and technical advanced service was discussed after mandating the carriage requirements for EPIRBs for GMDSS services. In view of the need to have a reliable service provision IMO entrusted IMSO to oversee such service providers and enter into public service agreements (PSA) with companies providing such service. Subsequently, such PSA was concluded in 1999 with INMARSAT Ltd laying down the privilege to continue service of this matter that had been developed from Administrations' resources on the basis of accepting an obligation to provide continued service by making available space segment capacity and to maintain and support applicable ship stations standards services and system including – among others – the E-services. This shall cover – transmission by satellite emergency position indicating radio beacons (satellite EPIRBs) of distress alerts through the Inmarsat geostationary service operating in the 1.6 GHz band.

This was and continues to be a very strong commitment and obligation because the Member States to IMO and IMSO must rely on this service and the continuous provision of this service. Any ceasing of this PSA, if and where wished by a partner, is foreseen to take place only after three years advance notice.

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