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SUB-COMMITTEE ON SHIP DESIGN AND EQUIPMENT 53rd session
Agenda item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

for the fifty-third session of the Sub-Committee to be held at IMO Headquarters,
4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR,
from Monday, 22 to Friday, 26 February 2010
(Session commences at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 22 February 2010)

Opening of the session

- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats
- 4 Compatibility of life-saving appliances
- 5 Revision of resolution A.760(18)
- 6 Performance standards for recovery systems
- 7 Cargo oil tank coating and corrosion protection
- 8 Development of a new framework of requirements for life-saving appliances
- 9 Guidance to ensure consistent policy for determining the need for watertight doors to remain open during navigation
- 10 Protection against noise on board ships
- 11 Thermal performance of immersion suits

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Alternative arrangements for the bottom inspection requirements for passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships

- Amendments to the Revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances
- Safety provisions applicable to tenders operating from passenger ships
- 15 Classification of offshore industry vessels and consideration of the need for a code for offshore construction support vessels
- 16 Interpretation on application of SOLAS, MARPOL and Load Line requirements for major conversions of oil tankers
- 17 Consideration of IACS unified interpretations
- Development of a mandatory Code for ships operating in polar waters
- 19 Application of amendments to SOLAS chapter III and the LSA Code
- 20 Guidelines for a visible element to general alarm systems on passenger ships
- 21 Improvement of existing pollution prevention equipment
 - .1 Development of test standards for type approval of add-on equipment
 - .2 Promotion of integrated bilge water treatment system
- Development of guidelines for a shipboard oil waste pollution prevention plan
- 23 Manually operated alternatives in the event of prevention pollution equipment malfunctions
- Work programme and agenda for DE 54
- 25 Any other business
- 26 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

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Notes:

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 - .2 non-bulky documents (including information documents and bulky information documents, if submitted in electronic format), by Friday, 18 December 2009; and
 - documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraph .1 above containing 4 pages or less, by Friday, 1 January 2010. 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 4.10.5 of the aforementioned Guidelines;
- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:
 - all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with section 4 of the above-mentioned Guidelines;
 - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action which the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
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