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Report of the fifty-first session of the Sub-Committee

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	The Committee is invited to take action on matters emanating from SLF 51
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 51
<i>High-level action:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 51
<i>Planned output:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 51
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraphs 2 and 3
<i>Related document:</i>	SLF 51/17

1 The Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) held its fifty-first session from 14 to 18 July 2008 and its report on that session has been circulated under the symbol SLF 51/17.

2 The Committee is invited to:

- .1 adopt the draft MSC resolution on Explanatory Notes to the SOLAS chapter II-1 subdivision and damage stability regulations (paragraph 3.20 and annex 1)*;
- .2 approve the proposed amendments to the footnotes to the revised SOLAS regulations II-1/4.1 and II-1/13.7.6 and request the Secretariat to amend the footnotes in the next consolidated edition of SOLAS (paragraph 3.23);
- .3 approve the draft MSC circular on Guidelines for flooding detection systems required by SOLAS regulation II-1/22-1 (paragraph 3.24 and annex 2);

* All references are to paragraphs of, and annexes to, the report of SLF 51 (document SLF 51/17).

- .4 consider the justification for inclusion of a new item on “Revision of SOLAS chapter II-1 subdivision and stability regulations” in the Sub-Committee’s work programme (paragraph 3.25 and annex 3);
- .5 approve the draft MSC circular on Early application of the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (paragraph 4.24 and annex 4);
- .6 approve the change of the present title of the item on “Revision of the Intact Stability Code” to “Development of new generation intact stability criteria”, reflecting the Sub-Committee’s current work on the subject (paragraph 4.26);
- .7 note that the Sub-Committee, with regard to the impact of small pleasure and fishing craft on the marine environment, agreed that in view of a minimal expertise in environmental matters in the Sub-Committee, relevant environmental issues should be addressed by the MEPC, in consultation with other UN agencies and non-governmental organizations (paragraph 5.26);
- .8 endorse the Sub-Committee’s course of action regarding the development of the Agreement on the implementation of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol, noting, in particular, that the Sub-Committee agreed that the Secretariat should initiate a consultation process with States, on the basis of the questionnaire developed by the Sub-Committee, and also agreed to the Roadmap towards entry into force of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol (paragraphs 5.27 to 5.30 and annex 5);
- .9 note the outcome of the Sub-Committee’s consideration on development of options to improve effect on ship design and safety of the 1969 TM Convention, in particular with regard to the incorporation of the tacit acceptance procedure for amendments in the Convention (paragraphs 6.5 to 6.13);
- .10 note the Sub-Committee’s outcome on the Guidelines for uniform operating limitations on high-speed craft, in particular that the work on the item has been completed (paragraphs 7.5 and 7.6);
- .11 note that the Sub-Committee, with regard to the development of the Guidelines for drainage systems in closed vehicle and ro-ro spaces and special category spaces, agreed to the specifications for the drainage capacity and the scupper grating construction, for referral to FP 53 for coordination purpose, and considered the work on the item completed (paragraphs 12.3 and 12.4);
- .12 note that the Sub-Committee, with regard to the Committee’s instruction to identify those non-mandatory instruments for which information on their implementation should be collected, supported, in general, the development of a GISIS module on non-mandatory instruments and recommendations to be kept updated by the Secretariat (paragraph 16.4);
- .13 note the Sub-Committee’s opinion that, in respect of safe gap that arises for ships built under the provisions of the 1988 LL Protocol versus ships built to the 1966 LL Convention, it would be for Member States to take appropriate action to address the problem, and decide as appropriate (paragraph 16.6);

- .14 note the Sub-Committee's consideration regarding ambiguities in regulation 24(4) of the 1988 LL Protocol, relating to minimum freeing port area calculations on vessels with open superstructures, in particular IACS's intention to submit relevant information to the Committee (paragraphs 16.8 and 16.9); and
- .15 approve the report in general.

3 The Committee is also invited to approve the proposed revised work programme of the Sub-Committee and the provisional agenda for SLF 52 (paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2 and annex 6) and to endorse the draft status of planned outputs in the High-level Action Plan for the 2008-2009 biennium relating to the Sub-Committee's work (paragraph 14.5 and annex 7) under agenda item 23 (Work programme).
