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GENERAL CARGO SHIP SAFETY

Outcome of MSC 87

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of MSC 87 related to general cargo ship safety
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	12
<i>High-level action:</i>	12.1.1
<i>Planned output:</i>	12.1.1.2
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related document:</i>	MSC 87/26, section 20

General

1 The Committee will recall that MSC 84, having discussed the best way to proceed on the matter in light of the information received to date, had agreed, in principle, that:

- .1 there was an urgent need to consider the safety of general cargo ships, taking into account the current safety level of these types of ships and the documents submitted to date on the matter;
- .2 more detailed casualty information on the cause of accidents involving general cargo ships was needed to progress the matter, including the outcome of any related studies;
- .3 the definition of the terms "bulk carrier" and "general cargo ship" are interrelated and, therefore, any outcome of discussion on the definition of "bulk carrier" under the provisions of the SOLAS Convention should be taken into account in the discussion of the definition of "general cargo ship"; and
- .4 any FSA studies submitted on the matter should first be reviewed by the FSA Group of Experts before establishing a working group on general cargo ship safety.

2 At MSC 87, the Committee considered the following documents submitted to the session:

- .1 MSC 87/20/1 (IACS), providing a summary report of the Risk Analysis from the FSA study that had been conducted by IACS regarding General Cargo Ship Safety;
- .2 MSC 87/20/2 (Islamic Republic of Iran), in response to document MSC 87/20/1, proposing that a comprehensive study be conducted on the causes of incidents on non-IACS classed vessels so that the findings could be used in preventing and minimizing such occurrences;
- .3 MSC 87/INF.3 (IACS), providing an updated report of step 1 (Evaluation of Historical Data) of the IACS FSA study on general cargo ships; and
- .4 MSC 87/INF.4 (IACS), providing a report of step 2 (Risk Analysis) from the FSA study that had been conducted by IACS regarding study on general cargo ships,

and, following discussion on the above submissions, noted the information provided by IACS on the progress made with regard to the FSA Study on General Cargo Ship Safety and reiterated that the study should be reviewed by the FSA Experts Group after the full study has been finalized.

3 In this context, MSC 87 invited Member Governments and international organizations to make their casualty data available, including casualty data on non-IACS classed vessels, to assist the Committee and IACS with their FSA study and invited them to submit further information and relevant proposals on the matter to this session.

Action requested of the Committee

4 The Committee is invited to note the above information.
