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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Report on the 42rd Session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping

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The 42rd session of IMO's Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW 42) was held from 24 to 28 January 2011 under the chairmanship of Rear Admiral Peter Brady (Jamaica). Representatives attended the session from 77 Members, two Associate Members, two UN specialized agencies, and 26 inter-governmental or non-governmental organizations. IADC was represented at this session by John Pertgen, Assistant Director, Offshore Technical and Regulatory Affairs.

The following is a summary of issues addressed by the Sub-Committee that may interest of companies with offshore oil and gas operations:

Review of model courses to be reviewed/updated consequent to the adoption of the Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code

Consequent to the adoption of the Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code, the Secretariat updated the plan for model courses that would need to be revised and new model courses that would be needed to be developed to facilitate the implementation of the amendments, *i.e.*:

Phase I

- 7.01 Master and Chief Mate
- 7.02 Chief and 2nd Engineer Officer
- 7.03 Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch
- 7.04 Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch
- 1.27 Operational Use of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS)

Phase II

- 1.01 Tanker Familiarization (to be renamed as Tanker Familiarization for personnel serving of Oil and Chemical tankers)
- 1.02 Specialized Training Programme on Oil Tanker Operations
- 1.04 Specialized Training Programme on Chemical Tanker Operations
- 1.06 Specialized Training Programme on Liquefied Gas Tanker Operations
- 1.21 Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities

New model courses to be developed

- Marine environment awareness
- Security awareness training for all seafarers
- Security training for seafarers with designated security duties
- Tanker Familiarization for personnel serving on Liquefied Gas tankers
- Able Seafarer (Deck)
- Able Seafarer (Engine)
- Able Seafarer (Electro-Technical)

Draft model course on marine environmental awareness

The Sub-Committee validated the Model course on marine environmental awareness and instructed the Secretariat to finalize and publish it as soon as possible.

Fraudulent certificates

The Sub-Committee agreed to ask the Maritime Safety Committee to agree to placing information related on fraudulent certificates of competency detected on the IMO's public website to assist all concerned to ensure that no seafarers serving on board their ships were holding fraudulent certificates of competency.

It was reported that the IMO's certification verification facility was used 14,212 times during 2010.

Standardization of bridge design

Sub-Committee agreed that development of standardized modes (S-modes) of presentation for navigational displays and standard operating procedures for equipment would be a welcome development which could reduce the familiarization time for seafarers.

Revision of the recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships (resolution A.864(20))

The Sub-Committee agreed that, as training relating to entry into enclosed spaces was already covered in chapters V and VI of the STCW Code, no further amendments (as regards training) were required to the draft revised recommendations as prepared by the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes, and Containers (DSC) at its 15th session.

Development of model procedures for executing shipboard emergency measures

The Sub-Committee agreed that there was no need to establish procedures to respond to emergency situations as it was the responsibility of the shipping company to do so under section 8 of the ISM Code.

Development of unified interpretations for the term "approved seagoing service"

After an in-depth discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed that there was no need for a unified interpretation relating to the term "approved seagoing service."

Arrangements for the next session

The 43rd session of the Sub-Committee is tentatively scheduled to take place either from 30 April to 4 May 2012 or from 10 to 14 December 2012.

The Sub-Committee agreed to establish working or drafting groups on:

- Development of an e-navigation strategy implementation plan;
- Training matters; and
- Validation of model training courses.

Elections.

The Sub-Committee unanimously re-elected Rear Admiral Peter Brady (Jamaica) as Chairman and Mr. A.H. Kayssi (Lebanon) (in absentia) as Vice-Chairman for the year 2012.

The IMO report of this session is will be made available on the IADC website at:

<http://iadc.org/committees/offshore/IMO.html>.

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