

MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION  
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74th session  
Agenda item 1

MEPC 74/1/1  
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## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### Annotations to the provisional agenda and provisional timetable

#### Note by the Secretariat

##### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* This document provides information on the action the Committee will be invited to take in relation to the items on the agenda of MEPC 74. Annotations to the provisional agenda are contained in annex 1 and the provisional timetable for the meeting is set out in annex 2.

*Strategic direction, if applicable:* Not applicable

*Output:* Not applicable

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 11

*Related documents:* MEPC 74/1; MEPC 73/19, MEPC 73/19/Add.1 and any other documents as specified

#### Annotations to the provisional agenda

1 The provisional agenda for the meeting, prepared in accordance with the list of items to be included in the agenda of MEPC 74 agreed at MEPC 73 (MEPC 73/19/Add.1, annex 17), has been circulated as document MEPC 74/1.

2 The annotations to the provisional agenda, set out in annex 1, provide information on the action the Committee will be invited to take under each agenda item.

#### Provisional timetable

3 A provisional timetable for the conduct of MEPC 74, prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, is set out in annex 2. The timetable is of a tentative nature and is likely to be modified closer to the meeting, as appropriate.

### **Organization of work for the session**

4 The document on *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/rev.1) (Committees' method of work) will be strictly adhered to.

### **Deadlines for submitting documents**

5 Member Governments and international organizations are reminded of the importance of submitting documents well in advance of the deadlines for submissions to MEPC 74. The deadlines and other requirements for the submission of documents are specified in the Notes at the end of the provisional agenda of MEPC 74 (MEPC 74/1).

### **Briefing on meetings of other IMO bodies**

6 Since MEPC 74 will consider the outcome of the meetings of the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and other relevant committees and sub-committees, as appropriate, delegations attending the session should ensure that they are fully briefed on the outcome of those meetings.

### **Related documents**

7 For reasons of economy, documents referred to during MEPC 74 which have already been issued for any other IMO meeting will **not** be reissued. Delegations are requested to bring their own copies of such documents.

### **Working, drafting and review groups**

8 MEPC 73 (MEPC 73/19, paragraph 15.31) anticipated that the following groups may be established at this session:

- .1 Working Group on Air Pollution and Energy Efficiency;
- .2 Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships;
- .3 Drafting Group on Amendments to Mandatory Instruments;
- .4 Ballast Water Review Group; and
- .5 Working Group on Marine Plastic Litter.

### **Correspondence groups**

9 The following correspondence groups are due to report to this session (MEPC 73/19, paragraph 15.32):

- .1 Correspondence Group on EEDI Review beyond Phase 2;
- .2 Correspondence Group on Fuel Oil Quality; and
- .3 Correspondence Group on Marine Plastic Litter from Ships.

### **Presentations and displays**

10 Member Governments and international organizations planning presentations and/or displays during MEPC 74 are requested to contact the Secretariat (Ms. K. Yentumi at [kyentumi@imo.org](mailto:kyentumi@imo.org)) as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made in time. Time slots for presentations are limited in number and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

### **Action requested of the Committee**

11 The Committee is invited to note the information provided, in particular the annotations to the provisional agenda, set out in annex 1, and the provisional timetable, set out in annex 2, and take action as deemed appropriate.

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## ANNEX 1

### ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### 1 Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda (MEPC 74/1) and approve the annotations thereto and the provisional timetable for its seventy-fourth session (MEPC 74/1/1).

#### 2 Decisions of other bodies

The Committee will be invited to consider the outcome of LC 40/LP 13, C 121, MSC 100, LEG 106 and FAL 43 on matters of relevance to its work.

#### 3 Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments

3.1 The Committee will be invited to consider, with a view to adoption, draft amendments to:

- .1 MARPOL Annexes I, II and V (Electronic Record Books);
- .2 MARPOL Annex II (Cargo residues and tank washings of persistent floating products);
- .3 MARPOL Annex VI (Electronic Record Books and EEDI Regulations for ice-strengthened ships);
- .4 the NO<sub>x</sub> Technical Code 2008 (Electronic Record Books and Certification requirements for SCR systems);
- .5 the International Code for the construction and equipment of ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk (IBC Code); and
- .6 the Code for the construction and equipment of ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk (BCH Code).

3.2 The above-mentioned draft amendments were approved by MEPC 73 (MEPC 73/19, paragraphs 5.9.1, 5.85, 11.6, 11.7, 11.12, 11.22 and annexes 4, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 15) and circulated by the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16(2)(a) of the MARPOL Convention, under cover of Circular Letter No.3892 of 8 November 2018.

3.3 As agreed at MEPC 73, a drafting group is expected to be established to finalize the text of the amendments.

#### 4 Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water

4.1 The Committee will be invited to consider in particular the following issues, together with any other submissions received under the agenda item:

- .1 outcome of GESAMP-BWWG 37 and 38;
- .2 updated information on the implementation of the experience-building phase;

- .3 proposed amendments to the form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate;
- .4 proposals for developing a mandatory requirement for commissioning testing of ballast water management systems, including proposals for an amendment to regulation E-1.1.1 of the BWM Convention;
- .5 outcome of PPR 6 on its consideration of analytical procedures for sampling and analysis in the context of data gathering and analysis plan for the experience-building phase; and
- .6 outcome of III 5 concerning the need for a new column in the GISIS module on port reception facilities concerning the availability of port reception facilities for ballast water.

4.2 As agreed at MEPC 73, the Ballast Water Review Group may be established to consider matters referred to it by the Committee.

## **5 Air pollution and energy efficiency**

5.1 The Committee will be invited to consider in particular the following issues, together with any other submissions received under the agenda item:

- .1 outcome of PPR 6 on matters related to the agenda item, in particular, outcome relating to the output on Consistent implementation of regulation 14.1.3 of MARPOL Annex VI;
- .2 draft best practice for Member States/coastal States, taking into account the report of the Correspondence Group on Fuel Oil Quality;
- .3 outcome of MSC 100 on its consideration of safety implications associated with the use of low-sulphur fuel oil;
- .4 proposals on how to enhance the implementation of regulation 18 of MARPOL Annex VI, in particular on fuel oil quality and reporting of non-availability of compliant fuel oils, including the enhancement of the GISIS MARPOL Annex VI module to support data collection and analysis;
- .5 final report of the Correspondence Group on EEDI review beyond phase 2;
- .6 proposals for the development of draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI on strengthening EEDI phase 3 requirements;
- .7 draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI to make the reporting of EEDI values mandatory;
- .8 proposals on the use of shaft power limitation concept in calculating the attained Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) for new ships; and
- .9 EEDI information provided by the Secretariat.

5.2 As agreed at MEPC 73, a working group may be established to consider matters referred to it by the Committee.

## **6 Further technical and operational measures for enhancing the energy efficiency of international shipping**

6.1 The Committee will be invited to consider in particular the following issues, together with any other submissions received under the agenda item:

- .1 updated information provided by the Secretariat on the IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database; and
- .2 proposals for the development of a methodology for conducting the analysis of ship fuel oil consumption data.

6.2 The working group envisaged under agenda item 5 (see paragraph 5.2) may be requested to also consider matters relating to this agenda item.

## **7 Reduction of GHG emissions from ships**

7.1 The Committee will be invited to consider in particular the following issues, together with any other submissions received under the agenda item:

- .1 outcome of relevant UNFCCC meetings;
- .2 proposals on candidate short-term and mid-/long-term measures; procedure for assessing the impacts on States; and development of further actions on capacity-building, technical cooperation, research and development, taking into account the progress made at the fifth meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 5);
- .3 draft terms of reference for the Fourth IMO GHG Study, taking into account the progress made at ISWG-GHG 5;
- .4 proposals on the development of an MEPC resolution on encouragement of port developments and activities to facilitate the reduction of GHG emissions from ships;
- .5 proposals for further improving working arrangements to progress the work under this agenda item; and
- .6 information provided by the Secretariat on the most appropriate mechanism for the establishment of a voluntary multi-donor trust fund to sustain the Organization's technical cooperation and capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the Initial Strategy, and the draft terms of reference for such a fund.

7.2 As agreed at MEPC 73, a working group may be established to consider matters referred to it by the Committee.

## **8 Follow-up work emanating from the Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships**

8.1 The Committee will be invited to consider follow-up proposals on the measures in the *Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships* (resolution MEPC.310(73)), with a view to defining the scope of work for relevant actions and instructing the PPR Sub-Committee or other sub-committees, as appropriate, to commence the detailed technical work.

8.2 The Committee will also be invited to consider the report of the Correspondence Group on Marine Plastic Litter from Ships, which was tasked, inter alia, to identify issues to be considered under an IMO Study on marine plastic litter from ships and to develop a regulatory framework matrix identifying all international regulatory instruments and best practices associated with the issue of marine plastic litter from ships.

8.3 As agreed at MEPC 73, a working group may be established to consider matters referred to it by the Committee.

## **9 Identification and protection of Special Areas, ECAs and PSSAs**

The Committee will be invited to consider any proposals for the designation of Special Areas, ECAs and/or PSSAs submitted under the agenda item.

## **10 Pollution prevention and response (report of the sixth session of the Sub-Committee)**

The Committee will be invited to consider the report of PPR 6, together with the action requested of it by the Sub-Committee, whereby actions relating to harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water and to air pollution and energy efficiency will be considered under agenda items 4 and 5, respectively.

## **11 Reports of other sub-committees**

The Committee will be invited to consider the report of III 5 and matters emanating from other sub-committees, as appropriate.

## **12 Technical cooperation activities for the protection of the marine environment**

The Committee will be invited to consider thematic priorities proposed by the Secretariat for the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) for the 2020-2021 biennium and a status report on technical cooperation activities for the protection of the marine environment, including an update on major projects and other related activities on a region-by-region basis.

## **13 Capacity-building for the implementation of new measures**

In accordance with paragraph 4.4 of the Committees' method of work (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.1), the Committee will be invited to consider a preliminary assessment of capacity-building implications of the amendments to mandatory instruments and new outputs approved at MEPC 73, prepared by the Vice-Chair in consultation with the Chair and with the assistance of the Secretariat.

## **14 Work programme of the Committee and subsidiary bodies**

The Committee will be invited to consider and agree to its work programme and that of its subsidiary bodies, including proposed outputs of MEPC for the 2020-2021 biennium, any proposals for new outputs submitted to the session and the items to be included in the agendas for MEPC 75 and MEPC 76.

## **15 Application of the Committees' method of work**

The Committee will be invited to consider any matters related to its method of work (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.1).



**16 Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair**

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the Committee will be invited to elect its Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020.

**17 Any other business**

The Committee will also be invited to consider any submissions received and any matters raised under this agenda item.

**18 Consideration of the report of the Committee**

The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the report of its seventy-fourth session.

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**ANNEX 2**  
**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Groups</b>
Monday, 13 May 2019	1 Adoption of the agenda 2 Decisions of other bodies 7 Reduction of GHG emissions from ships 3 Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments 13 Capacity-building for the implementation of new measures 5 Air pollution and energy efficiency 6 Further technical and operational measures for enhancing the energy efficiency of international shipping	WG2 DG  WG1 WG1
Tuesday, 14 May 2019	8 Follow-up work emanating from the Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships 4 Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water 9 Identification and protection of Special Areas, ECAs and PSSAs 10 Pollution prevention and response 11 Reports of other sub-committees	WG3  RG
Wednesday, 15 May 2019	12 Technical cooperation activities for the protection of the marine environment 14 Work programme of the Committee and subsidiary bodies (proposals for new outputs only) 15 Application of the Committees' method of work 17 Any other business	All groups to meet
Thursday, 16 May 2019	16 Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair Reports of groups Adoption of amendments 14 Work programme of the Committee and subsidiary bodies (remaining matters)	
Friday, 17 May 2019	18 Consideration of the report of the Committee	

WG1 Working Group on Air pollution and Energy Efficiency  
 WG2 Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships  
 WG3 Working Group on Marine Plastic Litter  
 DG Drafting Group on Amendments to Mandatory Instruments  
 RG Ballast Water Review Group