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Agenda item 1

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## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Committee to be held at IMO Headquarters,  
4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR,  
from Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 February 2012  
(Session commences at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 13 February 2012)**

- Opening of the session
- 1 Adoption of the agenda
  - 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
  - 3 Development of performance standards for recovery systems for all types of ships
  - 4 Development of amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/40.2 concerning general requirements on electrical installations
  - 5 Making the provisions of MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1 mandatory
  - 6 Development of a new framework of requirements for life-saving appliances
  - 7 Development of safety objectives and functional requirements of the Guidelines on alternative design and arrangements for SOLAS chapters II-1 and III
  - 8 Development of amendments to the LSA Code for thermal performance of immersion suits
  - 9 Development of amendments to the LSA Code for free-fall lifeboats with float free capabilities
  - 10 Development of a mandatory Code for ships operating in polar waters
  - 11 Protection against noise on board ships
  - 12 Classification of offshore industry vessels and consideration of the need for a Code for offshore construction support vessels
  - 13 Consideration of IACS unified interpretations and amendments to the ESP Code
  - 14 Development of guidelines for use of fibre reinforced plastic (FRP) within ship structures

- 15 Revision of testing requirements for lifejacket RTDs in resolution MSC.81(70)
- 16 Amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/11 and development of associated Guidelines to ensure the adequacy of testing arrangements for watertight compartments
- 17 Revision of the Recommendation on conditions for the approval of servicing stations for inflatable liferafts (resolution A.761(18))
- 18 Development of guidelines for wing-in-ground craft
- 19 Revision of the Revised guidelines on implementation of effluent standards and performance tests for sewage treatment plants (resolution MEPC.159(55))
- 20 Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for DE 57
- 21 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2013
- 22 Any other business
- 23 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

**Notes:**

1 In accordance with the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the MSC and the MEPC and their subsidiary bodies (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.2):

- .1 documents should be received in the Secretariat as follows:<sup>\*</sup>
  - .1 documents (including information documents submitted in hard copy only) containing more than 6 pages of text (bulky documents), by Friday, **11 November 2011**;
  - .2 non-bulky documents (including information documents and bulky information documents, if submitted in electronic format), by Friday, **9 December 2011**; and
  - .3 documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraphs .1 and .2 above containing 4 pages or less, by Friday, **23 December 2011** (see also paragraph 4.10.5 of the Guidelines);

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\* In the case of:

- .1 documents exceeding the number of pages specified, the provisions of paragraph 4.10.1 of the Guidelines will apply; and
- .2 documents other than information documents and correspondence group reports, which contain more than 20 pages, will not be translated into all working languages in their entirety. Such documents should include, for translation purposes, a summary of the document not longer than four pages, with the technical content submitted as an annex in the language needed by working groups (e.g., English).

- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:
- .1 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
  - .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein;
- .3 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:
- font: Arial;
  - font size: 11 pt;
  - justification: full;
  - margins (centimetres): 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right.
- A template is available on the IMODOCS website for use in the preparation of documents; and
- .4 to facilitate the processing of documents, they should be accompanied by a USB flash drive preferably in Microsoft Word, where available, or sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word to IMO's e-mail address [info@imo.org](mailto:info@imo.org).

2 The MSC recommended the sub-committees to strictly observe the above provisions of the aforementioned Guidelines which, *inter alia*, provide that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Governments or delegations.

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