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Good day to you all,

A brief update of the group's work follows:

SHORT TERM OVERVIEW: There are just under two weeks left in the first phase of Round 2 (June 29th Deadline). At this time, you should be finalizing and submitting any specific proposed revisions to the text of the Draft Unified Interpretations document and any related IMO resolutions, and/or revisions (amendments) to the TM Convention itself, that you wish to offer for evaluation by the group. As part of this Round 2 work, you should also be reviewing the "Description of Issue", "Round 1 Proposals" and "Questionnaire Responses" as summarized for each issue in the Proposed Revisions Form, and offering any comments using the corresponding "Comment" block on the Proposed Revisions Form. Finally, you should be considering the draft Round 2 Questionnaire Sample. Please provide any comments you may have on this Sample Questionnaire to the group (e.g., you could include your comments in the email forwarding your completed Proposed Revisions Form). All documents are available on the group's website at: <http://www.uscg.mil/imo/slf/cgdocs.asp>.

COORDINATOR PROPOSED REVISIONS: As explained in Paragraph 5 of the "Introduction" to the Proposed Revisions Form, I will develop proposed revisions/resolutions for certain issues on which there was general agreement with at least one solution, if participants do not offer corresponding proposed text during this phase of Round 2. These include Issues 1.a, 1.c, 3.a, 4.a, 4.d, 5.h, 6.a/6.c/6.d, 8.b/8.c, 9.a, 9.b and 11.c.

UPDATED ROUND 1 RESULTS SUMMARY: The summary posted on the group's website has been updated and is available on the group's website. Most of the changes involve improving the summarized descriptions of the various proposals, for clarity and to provide better alignment with the descriptions as summarized in the Proposed Revisions Form. I anticipate that this summary will be included in some form in the group's report.

UPDATED DRAFT ROUND 2 QUESTIONNAIRE SAMPLE: After giving more thought to the Round 1 results and carefully re-reviewing all of the documents associated with the group's terms of reference, I have made some changes to the draft Round 2 Questionnaire Sample, and posted this updated draft on the group's website. I invite the group's comments on this document by June 29th.

WHAT'S AHEAD AND UPCOMING DEADLINES: Once I receive your input by June 29th, I will consolidate and incorporate it in the Round 2 Questionnaire, which will be distributed on July 9th and is due on August 17th. After August 17th, all that remains is the drafting of the group's report to the Sub-Committee. At this point, and depending on the outcome of the Round 2 work, I envision that the report will possibly invite the Sub-Committee to: 1) decide on certain issues; 2) agree in principle on others for which the text developed by the correspondence group could be referred for finalization by a drafting/working group; and 3) refer certain other issues to a possible working group, for which solutions will require further development. The updated draft Round 2 Questionnaire Sample was developed with this in mind, given the rather extensive tasking that is before us, and the relative lack of consensus on many issues. A summary of the upcoming deadlines follows:

29Jun2012 Submit completed Proposed Revisions Forms
29Jun2012 Comment on the draft Round 2 Questionnaire Sample
29Jun2012 Submit completed Round 1 Questionnaire Addenda (extended deadline)
17Aug2012 Submit completed Round 2 Questionnaires (to be distributed 09Jul2012)

With my personal thanks for all the continued hard work, and my best regards to you all,

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