



SUB-COMMITTEE ON STABILITY AND  
LOAD LINES AND ON FISHING  
VESSELS SAFETY - 29th session  
Agenda item 2

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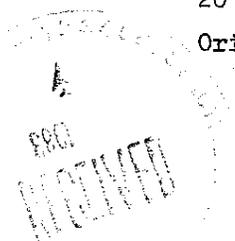
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