

IALA COUNCIL 65th session



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Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

The 30th session of the IMO Assembly was held at IMO Headquarters in London from 27th November to 6th December 2017. The IALA delegation was headed by the Secretary-General, Francis Zachariae and by the Technical Operations Manager, Minsu Jeon.

The Assembly meets once every two years in regular session. It is responsible for approving the work programme, voting the budget and determining the financial arrangements of the Organization. During this meeting, the IMO secretariat's Business Plan for the 2018-2019 biennium (C/ES.29/3/2) and the report on the work of the organisation since the twenty-ninth regular session of the assembly (C/ES.29/8) were presented.

The representative of Chile, H.E. Sr. Rolando Drago, was elected as president of the 30th assembly; with Cyprus and Georgia elected as vice presidents.

2. OPENING REMARKS

In welcoming delegates, the IMO Secretary-General, Mr Kitack Lim outlined the key elements of the new Strategic Plan for the Organization for 2018 to 2023 which was adopted by the meeting. He highlighted his ambition to transform IMO into a "knowledge-based Organization", with appropriate analysis to support and improve the already effective rulemaking process and enhance implementation.

3. ORGANISATION'S STRATEGY PLAN

The assembly adopted the organisation's Strategic Plan covering six-years period 2018 to 2023. This plan comprises the mission and vision statement, the overarching principles, and the strategic directions including performance indicators for assessing the organisation's performances.

4. REVIEW THE WORK OF ORGANISATION

Following related resolutions were adopted during the assembly.

- Revised guidelines on the implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Administrations;
- Code for the Transport and Handling of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (OSV Chemical Code);
- Escape route signs and equipment location markings.
- Implementation and entry into force of the 2010 HNS Protocol;
- Delegation of authority to issue insurance certificates required under the 1992 CLC and the 2010 HNS Convention.
- Linkages between IMO's technical assistance work and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;



- Guiding principles of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme.

5. IMSAS AUDIT

The beginning of 2016 marked the commencement of mandatory audits under the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS). The report for this 2016-2018 biennium was presented (A30/8). Before the IMSAS, During the voluntary phase of the audit scheme (VIMSAS), a total of 75 audits were conducted, which issued 676 findings comprising 196 non-conformities and 480 observations for 67 Member States, two Associate members, five dependent territories.

6. IMO COUNCIL ELECTION

In accordance with the IMO Convention, as amended, the Assembly elected Members of the Council as follows:

- Category A Under; China, Greece, Italy, Japan, Norway, Panama, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States
- Category B; Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates
- Category C; Bahamas, Belgium, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey.

7. CLOSING

In conclusion, it was decided that the 31st session of the IMO assembly will be held in the autumn of 2019 and the 30th IMO Assembly was concluded with a departing speech from the Secretary-General.

8. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

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