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Report on IMO Council 120

The 120th session of the IMO Council was held at IMO HQ London from 2 to 6 July 2018, chaired by Mr. Xiaojie Zhang (China). Minsu Jeon, Technical Operations Manager, participated in the meeting for first two days.

The Council meeting elected Admiral Edmundo Deville Del Campo, Peru as the Vice-Chair of the Council, as the Council 119 decided to postpone the Vice Chair election to have more time to consult on candidatures for the position.

Mr Lim, Secretary-General, introduced the reporting cycle for the Performance Indicators (C120/4/1), and the Council discussed a proposal from Denmark and Spain, developing a new PI on “safety” to be included in the IMO’s Strategic Plan 2018-2023. It was agreed to have a safety PI, and U.S.A suggested to have “environment” and “security” in the PI as well, and the Chair suggested to submit inputs to Council 121 on those subjects.

Alignment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to the Strategic Plan of the Organization was discussed, and widely agreed by the member states, and it was suggested to align the SP to the SDGs in the opposite direction to show all the IMO’s efforts to the UN’s initiative.

Australia introduced their proposal on IMO Council reform, and two more inputs related. The main issues and concerns raised during the discussions were;

- The council’s role in policymaking – should focus on supervising the work of IMO
- Council membership – clearer guidance should be provided on the criteria for the categories A, B and C
- Council terms – lengthen the term of Council membership from two to four years
- Access to discussions and decision – open the meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Assembly in public
- Role of industry bodies at IMO – Council should examine the role of industry bodies and other organizations in consultative status with IMO.

The inputs urge the Council and IMO to reconsider some of its fundamental aspects. Many of the countries agreed on the need for reform in general, but they need more time to consider those issues. Therefore, the Council agreed to have an open-ended Working Group to discuss all the issues in detail during the Council 121 in Dec 2018.