



SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Third Session of Joint ILO/IMO/Basel
Convention Working Group on
Ship Scrapping**

1. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) hosted the First Session of the Joint Working Group (JWG) in London, in February 2005. The Secretariat of the Basel Convention hosted the Second Session of the JWG, in Geneva, in December 2005. On a rotational basis it is now the turn of the ILO to host the third session. As reported last November,¹ the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its 56th Session (MEPC 56), suggested two items for discussion: (1) joint technical cooperation projects; and (2) interim measures to be taken pending entry into force of the Convention. The Second Session of the JWG proposed a number of other items, some of which have been dealt with, or could be included in the above two items.
2. In view of the above, and in line with past practice for such joint working groups,² the Governing Body may wish to consider nominating up to five Employer representatives and five Worker representatives at no cost to the Office.
3. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body to:*
 - (i) *set the dates of the Third Session of the Joint ILO/IMO/Basel Convention Working Group on Ship Scrapping in Geneva for 29–31 October 2008;*
 - (ii) *approve that the delegation be composed of ten ILO (five Employer and five Worker) representatives at no cost to the Office, five Basel Convention representatives and five IMO representatives; and*
 - (iii) *request the Director-General to communicate its decision to the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and to the Secretary-General of the IMO.*

Geneva, 13 February 2008.

Point for decision: Paragraph 3.

¹ GB.300/STM/5/2.

² See, for example, GB.298/STM/7/1.