



SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other questions**Report of the second session of the
Joint ILO/IMO/Basel Convention
Working Group on Ship Scrapping
(Geneva, 12-14 December 2005)**

1. At its 292nd Session (March 2005), the Governing Body authorized the holding of the second session of the Joint ILO/IMO/Basel Convention Working Group on Ship Scrapping, with a composition of ten ILO (five Employer and five Worker) representatives, five Basel Convention (BC) representatives and five IMO representatives. The second session of the Joint Working Group (JWG) was hosted by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention in Geneva from 12-14 December 2005. Copies of the full report¹ of the second session of the JWG are available upon request and it will be submitted to the 54th session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee and to the fifth session of the Open-ended Working Group of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention.
2. The JWG continued to consider the current work programmes of the pertinent bodies of the respective organizations on the issue of ship scrapping. Issues dealt with included: the development of a mandatory Convention by the IMO; a reporting system for ships destined for recycling; the development of a “single list” of potentially hazardous materials on board; the issue of the abandonment of ships on land or in port; the promotion of the implementation of the “Guidelines on ship scrapping and technical cooperation activities”.
3. The JWG examined a paper comparing the IMO, ILO and BC guidelines on ship scrapping which indicated that the ILO Guidelines² should be referred to on occupational safety and health matters.
4. Among the additional items discussed were: roles of concerned States (such as flag States, port States and recycling States) in the context of occupational safety and health,

¹ Joint ILO/IMO/Basel Convention Working Group on Ship Scrapping, second session, agenda item 11, Report of the Working Group, ILO/IMO/BC WG 2/11, 14 December 2005.

² *Safety and health in shipbreaking: Guidelines for Asian countries and Turkey* (Geneva, ILO, 2004).

environmentally sound management and prior informed consent as related to ship scrapping.

5. The Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues may wish to take note of the second session of the Joint ILO/IMO/Basel Convention Working Group.

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Submitted for information.