



Fifth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee established under Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended

Geneva, 7–11 April 2025

► Draft Resolution on the Extension of the Mandate of the Joint ILO/IMO Tripartite Working Group (JTWG)

Submitted by the Seafarers' and the Shipowners' Groups

The Seafarers' and the Shipowners' Groups proposed the following amendments reflected in track change:

The Special Tripartite Committee (STC) established under Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), as amended,

Having met in Geneva from 7 to 11 April 2025 for its fifth meeting,

Recalling article III of the Agreement between the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) allowing for the establishment of joint groups to address any question of common interest which it may appear desirable to refer to such a group,

Recalling the decision of the ILO Governing Body at its 343rd session (November 2021) to approve the establishment of a Joint ILO/IMO Tripartite Working Group (JTWG) as a body operating within a fixed timeline and only for the purposes mandated relating to abandonment of seafarers; harassment and bullying including sexual harassment; and fair treatment of seafarers,

Noting with satisfaction that the JTWG successfully completed the tasks assigned to it at the Fourth Meeting of the STC, in accordance with the timeframe agreed upon,

Recalling that under the Terms of Reference of the JTWG, the JTWG shall hold in-depth technical discussions and develop recommendations and/or draft provisions concerning topics, as may be jointly mandated by the ILO Governing Body and the IMO Council and within the timeframe jointly agreed upon,

Recalling that under the Terms of Reference of the JTWG, the duration of the JTWG may be extended by express decision of the ILO Governing Body and the IMO Council,

Mindful of the decision of the IMO Legal Committee at its 111th session (April 2024) to establish a Task Force to review and update (or redevelop) the ILO/IMO Joint Database on Abandonment of Seafarers (including all procedural, policy, financial and technical aspects), with terms of reference as set out in paragraph 7 of document LEG 111/4(a)/2, and to convene a JTWG meeting to conduct a final review and consideration of the Task Force Report, and subsequently provide a clear report to the ILO Governing Body and the IMO Legal Committee for endorsement and to submit a report with clear recommendations,

Noting the decision of the IMO Council, at its 132nd meeting, to approve the extension of the duration of the JTWG and to endorse the request of the IMO Legal Committee to convene a JTWG meeting to conduct a final review and consideration of the Task Force's report,

Acknowledging that the ILO has undertaken critical technical updates to the database, ensuring its continued functionality, with an upgraded version launched in October 2024,

Noting that the Task Force is expected to finalize its report by the end of 2025:

1. **Recommends** that the ILO Governing Body approve the extension of the duration of the Joint ILO/IMO Tripartite Working Group (JTWG);
2. **Invites** the ILO Governing Body to liaise with ~~the~~IMO, in order to convene meetings of the JTWG, under paragraph 4(c) of the JTWG's Terms of Reference:
 - (a) to conduct a final review and consideration of the Task Force's ~~recommendations~~ Report;
 - (b) *[ADD any other topic agreed upon by the STC at its 5th meeting]*; and
3. **Authorizes** the Officers of the STC, in accordance with article 7, paragraph 7 of the Standing Orders of the STC, to review requests received to convene the JTWG as a result of decisions adopted by the relevant IMO bodies in between sessions of the STC and to make a recommendation to the ILO Governing Body concerning such requests; and
4. **Invites** ~~the~~IMO and ILO to work cooperatively on areas of common interest.
5. **Proposes** that paragraph 19 of the Terms of Reference of the JTWG be amended as follows: *~~"The JTWG shall, in principle, hold at least one three-day meeting per year. Additional m~~Meetings of the JTWG may be convened if authorized by, and in coordination with, the relevant bodies of the Parties, and subject to availability of funding. Both ILO and IMO shall communicate the invitation to a meeting at least two months in advance".*
6. **Authorizes** the Officers of the STC to raise matters of common interest between the ILO and ~~the~~IMO and make proposals for meetings of the JTWG to the STC or, subject to operative paragraph 3, directly to the Governing Body, to address such matters as it considers appropriate.