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Work programme of the International Labour Office on ship recycling

Note by the ILO Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on the work programme of the ILO on the issue of ship recycling.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 13
<i>Related documents:</i>	ILO/IMO/BC WG 3/3/1 (Global Programme for Sustainable Ship Recycling), ILO/IMO/BC WG 3/2/4 (Cooperation of the three Secretariats)

The ILO guidelines on Safety and Health in ship breaking

1 The guidelines are available in Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, Chinese and Turkish. The guidelines have been in use at least in India, Bangladesh and Turkey.

Safe and Environment Friendly Ship Recycling Project (SAFEREC)

2 This project, launched in 2003, continued until 2007. The project was formulated and implemented by the Government of Bangladesh, with technical assistance from the ILO and funding from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Garnt Feringa worked as the Chief Technical Advisor for the project in 2005-2006.

3 The project started with a baseline survey of the industry. This was followed by a national consultation workshop on the findings of that survey, needs assessment for training and developing a training manual for those working in the yards.

4 The original objectives for the project were:

- Ensure beaching and recycling formalities as per law
- Stop environment pollution
- Improve working condition
- Ensure occupational safety and health of the workers

5 The objectives were modified later in 2006 to:

- To improve occupational safety & health of the workers
- To improve working conditions
- To reduce environment pollution
- To formulate Draft National Guidelines for Ship Recycling in Bangladesh

6 In 2006 a training for trainers –course was held with 45 participants. This was followed by three trial courses in three yards, with a total of 62 participants. The next phase was training members for so-called training cells. All in all 101 participants from 24 yards received this training.

7 The actual training in the project took place in 2006 and 2007. 67 sessions were held and 3761 workers attended these sessions. However, this represents only 20-25% of the workforce.

8 Special equipment and safety gears were used in the training.

Information and study activities linked to the SAFEREC

9 A paper on the project was presented in the Annual Conference of the 33rd Global Health Council in Washington D.C. in May 2006.

10 An oral presentation was held at the 28th International Congress on Occupational Health in Milan in June 2006.

11 A study trip to China took place in June 2006. The delegation comprised eleven representatives from the government, employers and workers.

Subsequent developments in Bangladesh after the SAFEREC

12 In 2008, discussions have been held between the ILO, government ministries and other stakeholders in order to continue the positive developments achieved by the SAFEREC.

Action requested of the Joint Working Group

13 The Joint Working Group is invited to take into account in its deliberations the information provided.
