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## OUTCOME OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP

### Cooperation of the three Secretariats on ship recycling matters

#### Note by the Secretariats of the Basel Convention, IMO and ILO

#### SUMMARY

**Executive summary:** This document provides information on actions requested of the three Organisations by the JWG at its second session.

**Action to be taken:** Paragraph 4

**Related documents:** ILO/IMO/BC WG 2/11, ILO/IMO/BC WG 3/3/1

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1 At its second session, the Joint Working Group requested that the Secretariats of the Basel Convention, International Maritime Organization and International Labour Organization report back to the third session on actions requested of the three Organisations by the JWG. The JWG at its second session, having taken into account the information provided on the technical cooperation activities on ship scrapping launched or planned by the three Organisations, agreed to:

- .1 recommend that each Organisation invite the other two to participate in the workshops or seminars organised by the Organisation;
- .2 recommend that each Organisation include in the programme of its activities a section providing information on the Guidelines of the other two Organisations;
- .3 recommend that the Secretariats of the three Organisations make efforts to enhance coordination and cooperation in the organisation of such activities.

2 This document provides a summary of the actions undertaken by the three Secretariats as recommended by the Joint Working Group.

### Activities undertaken by the three Secretariats

3 The following table provides a breakdown of the activities undertaken and meetings held by each Organisation, and the participation of the other two Organisations. Reference should be

made to document ILO/IMO/BC WG 3/3/1 entitled “Global Programme for Sustainable Ship Recycling” for details of the efforts taken by the Secretariats of the three Organisations to enhance coordination and cooperation in the organisation of activities.

### Chronology of meetings and activities

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Activity/Meeting</b>	<b>Date, Location</b>	<b>Description and details of participation of other Organisation(s)</b>
IMO	54 <sup>th</sup> session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 54)	March 2006, London, UK	Work commenced to develop a legally-binding instrument on ship recycling, on the basis of a draft submitted by Norway. Representatives of both the SBC and ILO participated in these negotiations.
BC	5 <sup>th</sup> session of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG5)	April 2006, Geneva, Switzerland	Considered the development of the draft IMO Convention on ship recycling and discussed the need to ensure the proposed Convention establishes an equivalent level of control as that under the Basel Convention. Representatives of both the IMO and ILO participated in these discussions.
IMO	Correspondence Group	Report in July 2006, electronically	Work continued to develop a second draft of the IMO Convention and its associated guidelines. Group members included both SBC and ILO representatives.
IMO	MEPC 55	October 2006, London, UK	Further work to develop the IMO Convention and its associated guidelines. Representatives of both the SBC and ILO participated in these negotiations.
BC	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (COP8)	November/December 2006, Nairobi, Kenya	Considered progress in the IMO to develop a draft Convention on ship recycling and invited the IMO to ensure that the Convention to be adopted by it establishes an equivalent level of control as that established under the Basel Convention, noting that the duplication of regulatory instruments that have the same objective should be avoided. Representatives of both the IMO and ILO participated in these discussions.
IMO	IMO Regional Seminar and Workshop on Safe	February 2007, Zhu Hai, Guangdong, China	Regional Seminar and Workshop to discuss the draft convention and its guidelines. The event was

	and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships		attended by representatives from China, Bangladesh, India and Turkey, the shipping industry and ILO and the BC.
IMO	2 <sup>nd</sup> Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on Ship Recycling (ISRWG 2)	May 2007, London, UK	Work continued to develop a third draft of the IMO Convention and its associated guidelines. Group members included both SBC and ILO representatives.
IMO	MEPC 56	July 2007, London, UK	Further work to develop the IMO Convention and its associated guidelines. Representatives of both the SBC and ILO participated in these negotiations.
BC	OEWG6	September 2007, Geneva, Switzerland	Further considered progress in the IMO to develop a draft Convention on ship recycling. Representatives of both the IMO and ILO participated in these discussions.
IMO	National Workshop on the Development of the International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships	January 2008, Mumbai, India	Workshop organised by the IMO and Government of India to bring together stakeholders from the Indian ship recycling industry, IMO delegates and representatives of the ILO and the Basel Convention, to understand the views of Indian stakeholders with regard to the development of the draft Convention.
BC	Inaugural Discussions and Seminar on the Global Programme for Sustainable Ship Recycling	January 2008, Dhaka, Bangladesh	1.5 day event hosted by SBC and Government of Bangladesh, in close coordination with the IMO and ILO. Seminar to present the Global Programme for Sustainable Ship Recycling and obtain initial inputs from Bangladesh stakeholders and global experts.
IMO	ISRWG 3	January 2008, Nantes, France	Work continued to develop the draft of the IMO Convention and its associated guidelines. Group members included both SBC and ILO representatives.
IMO	MEPC 57	March/April 2008, London, UK	Further work to develop the IMO Convention and its associated guidelines. Representatives of both the SBC and ILO participated in these negotiations.
BC	COP9	June 2008, Bali, Indonesia	Further considered progress in the IMO to develop a draft Convention on ship recycling and invited the IMO to ensure that the Convention to be adopted by it

			establishes an equivalent level of control as that established under the Basel Convention, noting that the duplication of regulatory instruments that have the same objective should be avoided. Also discussed the importance of coordination of efforts between the three Secretariats and welcomed the development of implementation programmes related to sustainable ship recycling. A representative of the IMO participated in these discussions.
IMO	Correspondence Group	Report in July 2008, electronically	Established to discuss concerns with regard to the adequacy of ship recycling capacity which may or may not be available both before and following entry into force of the International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships. Group members included both SBC and ILO representatives.
IMO	ISRWG 4	September/October 2008, London, UK	Consideration and resolution of outstanding issues and preparation of a clean text of the draft Convention. Group members will include both SBC and ILO representatives.
IMO	MEPC 58	October 2008, London, UK	Finalisation of negotiations on the International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships. Representatives of both the SBC and ILO will participate in these negotiations. SBC has submitted a pre-session document for the meeting's consideration.

#### **Action requested of the Joint Working Group**

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

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