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Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues

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FOR DECISION

THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Maritime and transport

Progress report on work on the *Safety recommendations for decked fishing vessels of less than 12 metres in length and undecked fishing vessels*

Overview

Issue covered

The purpose of this paper is to seek Governing Body approval for the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to publish *Safety recommendations for decked fishing vessels of less than 12 metres in length and undecked fishing vessels* as a joint FAO/ILO/IMO publication.

Policy implications

Joint publication will further strengthen the ILO's collaboration with FAO and IMO.

Financial implications

None.

Decision required

Paragraph 4.

References to other Governing Body documents and ILO instruments

GB.307/STM/4/3, GB.307/PV, GB.303/STM/4/4, GB.303/PV.

1. At its 307th Session (March 2010) the Governing Body, through the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues, considered a document entitled *Update on the ILO's participation in the development by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of safety recommendations for small fishing vessels*¹ and approved the proposals made therein.² This document, inter alia, recalled that in November 2008 the Governing Body had authorized the continued participation by the ILO in the development of safety recommendations for decked fishing vessels of less than 12 metres in length and undecked fishing vessels, as well as participation by an ILO tripartite delegation, at no cost to the Office, in the 52nd Session of the IMO's Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels' Safety (SLF 52), with the aim of putting the final document before the Governing Body for approval as a joint FAO/ILO/IMO publication.³
2. In June 2010, the Secretary-General of the IMO wrote to the Director-General of the ILO noting that the 87th Session (London, 12–21 May 2010) of the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee had approved the *Safety recommendations for decked fishing vessels of less than 12 metres in length and undecked fishing vessels*, and had requested that the IMO secretariat forward these to the ILO and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for concurrent approval, as deemed appropriate.
3. The development of the *Safety recommendations* has been one of the results of ongoing joint work by the FAO, ILO and IMO to improve the safety of fishing vessels and health and safety of fishers. The Governing Body has permitted tripartite input in the development of this publication by inviting the nomination of one representative each from the Governments, Employers and Workers to participate, at no cost to the Office, in the work of the correspondence group established to prepare the document and to participate in the ILO delegation to meetings of the IMO's Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels' Safety (SLF) that undertook this work. In these meetings the Employers have been represented by Mr Jim Hudson (United Kingdom) and the Workers by Mr Rossen Karavachev (United Kingdom), with Mr Cor Blonk of the Netherlands participating as an Employers' adviser. The new publication is the latest in a series of five joint FAO/ILO/IMO publications on fishing safety, health and training issues.
4. ***The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body approve the publication by the IMO of the Safety recommendations for decked fishing vessels of less than 12 metres in length and undecked fishing vessels as a joint FAO/ILO/IMO publication.***

Geneva, 28 September 2010

Point for decision: Paragraph 4

¹ GB.307/STM/4/3.

² GB.307/PV, para. 233.

³ GB.303/STM/4/4; GB.303/PV, para. 265.