



SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Joint ILO-IMO-Basel Convention
Working Group on Ship Scrapping:
Further developments**

1. There have been two sessions of the Joint ILO-IMO-Basel Convention Working Group on Ship Scrapping. The first was hosted in London, in February 2005 by the IMO and the second by the secretariat of the Basel Convention (UNEP) in Geneva, in December 2005.¹ If a third session is requested it would be the turn of the ILO to act as host. The venue is usually the headquarters of the respective organizations on a rotating basis, but meetings can be held anywhere agreed upon by the parties.
2. At its 55th session in London (9-13 October 2006), the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) deferred taking a decision on whether to hold a third session of the joint working group until its 56th session in July 2007.² As the Eighth Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention will only meet in Nairobi from 27 November-1 December 2006, it is thus not possible at this stage to request the ILO to host a third meeting or to recommend the composition of the ILO delegation.

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Submitted for information.

¹ For reports on the two meetings of the joint working group held so far, see GB.295/STM/6/1 and GB.292/STM/5.

² A supplementary report has been presented to the Governing Body on developments in relation to the drafting of an international instrument on shipbreaking/ship recycling (GB.297/19/3).