

**Third meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee
established by the Governing Body in accordance with
Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006,
as amended (MLC, 2006)**

Geneva
23–27 April 2018

Resolution concerning action to be taken in relation to seafarer abandonment

Submitted by the Seafarers' and Shipowners' groups

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

Having met at its third meeting in Geneva from 23 to 27 April 2018,

Having adopted measures related to seafarer abandonment at its first meeting, and further having discussed issues still arising at its second and third meetings,

Recognizing the need for prompt and effective resolution of cases where seafarers are abandoned,

Recognizing further that support is required for seafarers that are abandoned from, in or while serving on ships flying the flags of States that have not ratified the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended, through the application of the ILO/IMO *Guidelines on provision of financial security in case of abandonment of seafarers*;

- (a) encourages all member States that have yet to do so to accept the Amendments of 2014 to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, so that seafarers will have the necessary protection as provided for by them, and encourages member States which have not yet ratified the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended, to do so immediately;
- (b) urges all member States to promptly report cases of abandonment in their jurisdictions so that they can be recorded on the joint ILO/IMO database of reported cases of abandonment and to update the status of cases once resolved;
- (c) urges all member States to provide necessary welfare, consular and medical support to affected seafarers in accordance with the provisions of the Amendments of 2014 to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, or taking into account the guidance contained within the ILO/IMO *Guidelines on Provision of Financial Security in case of Abandonment of seafarers* on a timely basis and to assist with the swift repatriation of affected crew members;
- (d) invites the Governing Body to request the Director-General to work closely with the International Maritime Organization in order to have dialogue with the respective parties, and to assist in the resolution of difficult cases.