



FOURTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Maritime matters**

**Report: Update on the ILO's participation in the development by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of safety recommendations for small fishing vessels**

1. In November 2008 the Governing Body:
  - (a) 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 un-decked 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;
  - (b) invited 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 documents and in the ILO delegation to SLF 52; and
  - (c) authorized participation by the ILO in the further development of draft guidelines to assist competent authorities on the implementation of Part B of the Fishing Vessel Safety Code, the Voluntary Guidelines and the Safety Recommendations.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Officers of the Governing Body subsequently appointed Mr Jim Hudson (United Kingdom) as the Employer representative (with Mr Cor Blonk (Netherlands) as Employers' adviser) and Mr Rossen Karavich (United Kingdom) as the Worker representative of the ILO tripartite delegation to participate in the work of SLF 52 (London, 25–29 January 2010). The Government group did not nominate a representative.
3. SLF 52 considered the report of the correspondence group on fishing vessel safety that had been established at SLF 51 to finalize the recommendations and prepare draft guidelines (hereafter "draft implementation guidelines"). SLF 52 also discussed an agenda item:

<sup>1</sup> GB.303/PV, para. 265 and GB.303/STM/4/4.

Development of an agreement on the implementation of the 1993 Protocol to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 (hereafter “the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol”). SLF 52 established a working group on safety of small fishing vessels to further consider these issues.

4. SLF 52 agreed to submit the draft safety recommendations to the 87th Session of the IMO’s Maritime Safety Committee for approval and, if approved, for forwarding to the FAO and the ILO for concurrent approval, as appropriate. The Office expects to submit this document to the Governing Body at its 308th Session (November 2010) for consideration prior to its publication by the IMO.
5. With respect to the draft implementation guidelines, SLF 52 agreed, in principle, to a time frame for their finalization, with 2011 as the date for submission of the final draft guidelines for approval by the IMO’s Maritime Safety Committee. It re-established the correspondence group to further develop these guidelines.
6. With respect to the development of an agreement on the implementation of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol, SLF 52 agreed to request the Maritime Safety Committee to convene an inter-sessional working group to carry out this work. The correspondence group mentioned above would also continue its work to develop an agreement or resolution on the implementation of the Protocol. Several of the solutions under consideration are based on solutions to similar problems developed during the preparation of the ILO’s Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188) (e.g. the use of gross tonnage equivalency figures for vessel length; the use of “progressive implementation” for the implementation of certain Convention requirements).
7. ***The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body:***
  - (a) ***authorize the continued participation by the ILO in the development of draft guidelines to assist competent authorities on the implementation of Part B of the Fishing Vessel Safety Code, the Voluntary Guidelines and the Safety Recommendations;***
  - (b) ***authorize the participation by an ILO tripartite delegation, at no cost to the Office, in the next (53rd) Session of the IMO’s Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels’ Safety, and in related preparatory work;***
  - (c) ***subject to the decision taken with regard to (b) above, invite the nomination of one representative each from the Governments, Employers and Workers to participate, at no cost to the Office, in the ILO delegation to the 53rd Session of the SLF and in related preparatory work.***

Geneva, 16 February 2010.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 7.