

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Piracy and armed robbery against ships

Interim Guidance to private maritime security companies (PMSC) providing contracted armed security personnel (PCASP) on board ships in the High Risk Area was adopted as well as interim guidance for flag States on measures to prevent and mitigate Somalia-based piracy.

Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)

The Maritime Safety Committee agreed to review and modernize the GMDSS.

Search and Rescue (SAR)

Developing countries have been encouraged and assisted to become parties to the 1979 SAR Convention, to establish/improve SAR services and enhance co-operation.

Mandatory IMO audit scheme

The draft IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code), and approved draft amendments to the relevant IMO treaties to make the III Code and auditing mandatory were adopted. A draft Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code) and related draft convention amendments were also adopted.

Passenger ship safety

Interim measures aimed at enhancing the safety of passenger ships were agreed, as well as new draft SOLAS requirements to require ships to have plans and procedures to recover persons from the water. A draft amendment to SOLAS to require musters of newly embarked passengers prior to or immediately upon departure was agreed.

Fishing vessel safety

The Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 was adopted at a Conference in Durban, South Africa.

Energy-efficiency measures for ships

The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) continued its work relating to energy-efficiency for ships following the adoption of the new chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI that included the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI), for new ships, and the Ship Energy

systems available that could achieve the standard contained in regulation D-2 of the BWM Convention.

Recycling of ships