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Establishment of Industry Lifeboat Group (ILG)

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document advises the Committee of the formation of an industry group to address issues relating to lifeboat safety.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related documents: MSC 82/10/2, MSC 82/10/5, MSC 82/10/8, MSC 82/10/10, MSC 82/10/11 and MSC 82/24, paragraphs 10.3 to 10.6

Introduction

1 IMO committees and sub-committees regularly consider the agenda item '*Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats*' but, despite the best efforts of Member States together with industry, lifeboat accidents regrettably continue to occur. The co-sponsoring organizations actively contribute to IMO discussion on this important topic and, in reviewing their role in this process and in seeking to achieve improved lifeboat safety, decided to form an industry lifeboat group (ILG). The ILG has the objective of developing proposals to IMO that address both immediate and longer term lifeboat safety issues. Group members consider that the opportunity of co-ordinating their continuing work in support of this agenda item will facilitate a more effective contribution to discussion of this matter at IMO.

2 In addition to the listed co-sponsors and in order to access appropriate skills and knowledge, representatives of training providers are also members of the ILG. The ILG has also welcomed participation within the group of the IMO Secretariat, with observer status.

Advice to the Committee

3 The first meeting of the ILG took place at the end of June 2007 when it was agreed to invite participation from other associations and organizations with particular skills, expertise and knowledge that could assist in future work of the group.

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4 The meeting considered how it could most effectively contribute to improved lifeboat safety and decided to address both immediate and longer term issues.

5 In the longer term it is anticipated that ILG submissions to IMO will address both relevant operational and equipment related issues and more conceptual issues such as future developments in responding to shipboard emergency incidents.

Action requested of the Committee

6 The Committee is invited to note the above information.
