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**Reports of the Regional Senior Maritime Administrators' Workshop  
and the High-level Symposium**

**Submitted by Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize,  
the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, the Netherlands,  
Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sint Maarten, Saint Vincent and  
the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago**

**SUMMARY**

*Executive summary:* This information document reports on the outcome of the Regional Senior Maritime Administrators Workshop held on 19 and 20 February 2013 and the High-level Symposium on 22 February 2013 in Jamaica

*Strategic direction:* 3.4, 3.5

*High-level action:* 3.4.1, 3.5.1

*Planned output:* 3.4.1.2, 3.4.1.3, 3.5.1.7

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 6

*Related documents:* None

1 A workshop for Regional Senior Maritime Administrators (SMA) was held in Montego Bay, Jamaica, on 19 and 20 February 2013. The workshop was attended by Senior Maritime Administrators representing the maritime administrations of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sint Maarten, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

2 Following the SMA workshop, a High-level Symposium (HLS) of Ministers responsible for transport for the Caribbean Region, was held on 22 February 2013. Included in the High-level Symposium were the Senior Maritime Administrators of the region representing the countries and overseas territories listed above at paragraph 1, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat, the Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding (CMoU) on port State control, the

Regional Activity Centre/Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre (RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe) and IMO, headed by the Secretary-General.

3 The workshop of the Senior Maritime Administrators was organized to provide the region with an update on global regulatory developments at the IMO. Attached in annex 1 is the Jamaica SMA resolution 2013 and a developed prioritized list of technical assistance needs in support of maritime safety and marine environment protection activities for the Caribbean, which is attached in appendix 1.

4 The purpose of the HLS was to seek, inter alia, the support of the Ministers of transport for the strengthening of marine administrations, updating maritime legislation including making provisions for enshrining the IMO instruments in view of the institutionalization of the IMO Audit Scheme; and also support for the IMO's initiative for Member States to develop maritime policies using the Country Maritime Profile document proposed at the sixty-second session of the IMO's Technical Co-operation Committee. Attached in annex 2 is the Jamaica HLS resolution 2013.

5 The purpose of this information document is to bring these resolutions to the attention of the Technical Co-operation Committee during its discussions on the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP) for 2014-2015, as well as on the financing of the Programme.

**Action requested of the Committee**

6 The Committee is invited to note the information provided in this document.

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**ANNEX 1**

**REGIONAL SENIOR MARITIME ADMINISTRATORS' WORKSHOP**

**Montego Bay, Jamaica**

**19-20 February 2013**

**JAMAICA SMA RESOLUTION 2013**

The senior maritime administrators at the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Caribbean Regional Senior Maritime Administrators Workshop, was held in Montego Bay, Jamaica, on 19-20 February 2013, representing the maritime administrations of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sint Maarten, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago,

RECALLING the Suriname resolutions adopted by senior maritime administrators of the Caribbean on 19 October 2005 and 22 February 2007 and the assistance received by the Region as a consequence,

RECALLING ALSO the Jamaica resolution and the Trinidad and Tobago resolution adopted by senior maritime administrators of the Caribbean on 23 March 2009 and 9 February 2011, respectively and the assistance received by the region as a consequence,

RECOGNIZING the invaluable support which has been provided to the Caribbean region by the IMO through its Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP), the Office of the Regional Maritime Adviser for the Caribbean and the Regional Activity Centre/Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre of the Wider Caribbean Region (RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe) and the assistance provided intra-regionally,

NOTING that with the adoption of IMO Assembly resolutions A.996(25), A.974(24) and A.1018(26) and the desire of Caribbean States to give full effect to the mandatory IMO instruments and to continue participation in the IMO Member State Audit Scheme,

NOTING ALSO that more than eighty per cent (80%) of the indigenous shipping in the region is made up of ships below convention size, which need special attention for their safety and the protection of the marine environment,

NOTING FURTHER the recent incidents involving the safety of navigation of large passenger ships, which have implications for coastal States,

COGNIZANT OF the need to strengthen national maritime administrations, develop and update the national maritime legislations, build capacity at a regional level through partnerships and to contribute to the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals, the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the continued development of the Caribbean sea,

CONSIDERING the provisions of regulation I/3 of the STCW Convention which require States to enter into undertakings where their near-coastal voyage definition includes voyages off the coast of other Parties,

HAVING DEVELOPED a list of high-priority technical assistance needs and identified areas of intra-regional cooperation in support of maritime safety, security and marine environment protection activities, attached as appendix 1 hereto,

HEREBY COMMIT THEMSELVES TO making effective use of technical assistance and to utilizing, where possible, expertise, Centres of Excellence and institutions from within the Caribbean region to further advance technical co-operation for the development of maritime safety, security and marine environmental protection,

**HEREBY REQUEST SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENT THE LIST OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS AND INVITE:**

1. Caribbean States to bring this resolution to the attention of the sixty-third session of the Technical Co-operation Committee (TC 63) of IMO for consideration during its discussions on ITCP for the 2014/2015 biennium;
2. Caribbean States to support this request at TC 63 and Territories in the Caribbean region to do likewise through their respective IMO Member States;
3. Caribbean States to enhance the national and regional arrangements to respond effectively to casualties involving large passenger ships;
4. The RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe and the Caribbean MoU on Port State Control to take this resolution into account when determining their programme of activities for the 2014/2015 biennium;
5. Caribbean States to take steps to adopt a regional undertaking under regulation I/3 of the STCW Convention (Principles governing near-coastal voyages) for submission to IMO;
6. The Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to facilitate the Member States in bringing this resolution to the attention of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) and for Ministers responsible for maritime administrations to develop, as a high priority, a maritime policy for the region;
7. Caribbean States to develop a Regional Maritime Plan to ensure more effective compliance with, and enforcement of, international rules throughout the region taking into account IMO's support for the establishment of maritime clusters in developing countries and the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas.

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APPENDIX 1

CARIBBEAN REGION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS FOR THE 2014-2015 BIENNIUM

STATE	Anguilla	Antigua and Barbuda	Bahamas	Barbados	Belize	Commonwealth of Dominica	Grenada	Haiti	Jamaica	Netherlands	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Saint Lucia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Sint Maarten	Suriname	Trinidad and Tobago
ASSISTANCE CATEGORY																
<b>1 Survey and Inspection Training:</b>																
.1 Port State Control (OJT)	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
.2 Flag State Inspection	X		X	X			X		X				X	X		
.3 Monitoring of ROs			X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X		
.4 Vessels not covered by Conventions				X	X		X	X					X	X	X	X
.5 Maritime Casualty Investigation				X	X	X		X	X						X	
<b>2 Seafarer Training:</b>																
.1 Basic Safety Training						X	X	X			X	X	X			
.2 Small Ship (SCV Trainers)				X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X
.3 STCW Convention						X	X	X			X	X	X		X	
<b>3 Maritime Administration Training:</b>																
.1 Ship Registry				X				X				X	X	X		
.2 Maritime Policy	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
.3 Legal (for drafters)	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
.4 VIMSAS				X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>4 GMDSS Implementation</b>		X		X			X	X			X	X	X	X		
<b>5. Search and Rescue</b>				X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			
<b>6. ISM Code</b>				X	X		X	X			X					
<b>7. IMDG Code</b>				X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X		

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ASSISTANCE CATEGORY																
<b>8 Waterways Management</b>																
.1 Aids to Navigation				X	X			X					X		X	X
.2 Hydrographic Services				X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
.3 VTS Port Operation					X	X		X								X
<b>9 Workshops/Symposia</b>																
.1 Ship Inspection	X		X		X			X		X	X	X		X		
.2 Maritime Administration	X		X	X	X	X		X		X		X		X		
.3 High-level Symposium			X					X						X		
<b>10 Marine Environment Protection</b>																
.1 MARPOL Annex I	X		X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X		X
Annex II	X		X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			X
Annex III	X		X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			X
Annex IV	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X
Annex V	X		X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X		X
Annex VI	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			X
.2 OPRC Convention Regional Response Plan					X	X		X	X		X					
.3 OPRC Level II					X	X		X			X					
.4 OPRC/HNS Protocol					X			X			X					
.5 AFS Convention				X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			
.6 BWM Convention				X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		
.7 OPRC National Contingency Plan				X	X	X		X	X		X			X		
.8 Port Reception Facilities		X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X			X	
<b>11 Compensation/Liability Conventions</b>								X	X		X	X		X		
<b>12 Intra-regional Technical Assistance</b>																
.1 Provide to the Region		X					X		X	X	X					
.2 Required from the Region				X			X	X	X			X		X		

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**ANNEX 2**

**REGIONAL HIGH-LEVEL SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL MARITIME  
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CARIBBEAN**

**Montego Bay, Jamaica**

**22 February 2013**

**JAMAICA 2013 HIGH-LEVEL SYMPOSIUM RESOLUTION**

The Ministers responsible for maritime transport and other participants in the High-level Symposium on International Maritime Development in the Caribbean Region, held in Montego Bay, Jamaica, representing the Governments of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago,

RECALLING the High-level Symposia on International Maritime Development in the Caribbean held in Barbados on 29 March 1999 and 16 July 2004 and the progress made in implementing the Barbados resolutions adopted on those occasions,

NOTING that over 90 per cent of trade in the Caribbean is carried by ships and that shipping and port operations contribute to the sustainable development of the Caribbean Region,

NOTING ALSO the Senior Maritime Administrators Workshop held in Montego Bay, Jamaica on 19 to 20 February 2013 (Jamaica Senior Maritime Administrators resolution 2013) whereby it was agreed the Caribbean Trading Area as defined in the Code of Safety for Caribbean Cargo Ships (CCSS Code) and the Code of Safety for Small Commercial Vessels Operating in the Caribbean Region (SCV Code) will be adopted as the Near Coastal Voyage Area for the purpose of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended (STCW),

NOTING FURTHER that the Caribbean States and Territories have considerable and growing interests in merchant shipping and operate ship registries which, up to 2011, were responsible for 4,760 merchant ships totalling 72 million gross tonnes, representing 4.5 per cent of the world's merchant fleet and 7 per cent of its tonnage,

CONSCIOUS of the importance of safe, secure, environmentally sound and efficient maritime transport services for the movement of goods and people, and the socio-economic benefit to their States and Territories of a clean marine environment to the livelihood and well-being of their inhabitants and the growth of their fisheries and tourism industries,

CONSCIOUS ALSO of the particular vulnerability of the Caribbean Region to the harmful effects of sub-standard shipping and pollution damage from maritime activities and mindful of the entry into force of the Special Area status of the Wider Caribbean Region under Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as amended (MARPOL) dealing with the prevention of pollution by garbage from ships,

COGNIZANT of the need to strengthen national maritime administrations, develop and update the national maritime legislation, build capacity at a regional level through partnerships and to contribute to the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals, the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the continued development of the Caribbean Sea,

CONVINCED that vessels registered and or operating in the Caribbean region should comply fully with applicable international instruments adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in respect of maritime safety and security, marine environment protection and the facilitation of maritime traffic, and by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in respect of living and working conditions on board ships, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in respect of maritime radio frequencies and procedures, the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) in respect of hydrographic standards, and as appropriate, with the CCSS and SCV Codes,

CONVINCED ALSO of the vital role that a structured maritime policy contributes towards sustainable growth and employment in the maritime sector and the creation and preservation of benefits for all citizens,

SUPPORTING the IMO's initiative for Member States to develop maritime policies using, as one of the bases, the Country Maritime Profile document proposed at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of IMO's Technical Co-operation Committee (TCC),

RECOGNIZING that the Caribbean States which are Parties to such instruments and the Caribbean Territories to which these instruments apply have committed themselves to the uniform and effective implementation and enforcement of the international rules and standards contained therein, and to continue to make concerted efforts, as appropriate, for increased accession to, or ratification of, such instruments, and for the establishment of the legislative framework and administrative systems that are necessary to give full effect to them,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the need for Caribbean States to enshrine into national legislation the mandatory IMO instruments in view of the institutionalization of the IMO Audit Scheme in January 2016,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that national and regional action, as well as regional cooperation and international assistance, continue to be necessary to establish or strengthen implementation and enforcement capabilities throughout the Caribbean region,

ACKNOWLEDGING with particular appreciation the efforts of the Governments of Curaçao, France, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America as well as that of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), CMoU, European Union (EU), ILO, IMO, MesoAmerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as well as several shipping industry organizations, in assisting the States of the region in building up human and institutional capacities for the effective exercise of coastal, flag and port State jurisdiction,

ACKNOWLEDGING ALSO the high quality and timeliness of the technical and advisory support being provided to the various States and Territories by the IMO Regional Maritime Adviser (RMA) for the Caribbean and the Regional Activity Centre/Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Center (RAC/REMPIETC-Caribe),

ACKNOWLEDGING FURTHER the cooperative activities that are ongoing at the regional level, such as the CMoU, to eliminate sub-standard shipping, enhance maritime safety and security and to reduce and minimize ship-generated pollution,



RECOGNIZING that there is no established mechanism within CARICOM to assist member States to utilize the vehicle of the Senior Maritime Administrators' Workshops to advance and implement a regional maritime agenda,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that the non-existence of an established mechanism has a negative impact on the maritime industry, taking into account the priority that needs to be accorded to maritime issues at the regional level,

**1        HEREBY COMMIT THEMSELVES TO:**

- .1        CONTINUE to increase the level of accession to, or ratification of, the IMO and ILO instruments related to maritime safety and security, marine environment protection, facilitation of maritime traffic and living and working conditions on board ships; and in particular the level of acceptance of MARPOL and to ensure the provision of reception facilities required thereby;
- .2        MAINTAINING the status of Caribbean countries as credible maritime States by taking appropriate measures to prepare for the institutionalization of the IMO Audit Scheme;
- .3        PROVIDING, as far as reasonably possible, the necessary means and support at the national and regional levels for adequate marine environmental research, monitoring and evaluation, in order to maintain the ecological integrity of the marine and coastal waters of the Caribbean Sea given its critical socio-economic, and environmental importance to Member States;
- .4        ENHANCING the effective implementation of international maritime rules and standards through, inter alia, the preparation, enactment and enforcement of appropriate national maritime legislation;
- .5        STRENGTHENING national maritime administrations to carry out effectively their responsibilities as coastal, flag, and port States in accordance with applicable international maritime rules and standards;
- .6        PROVIDING adequate hydrographic services for ships navigating in the Caribbean region in accordance with applicable international instruments;
- .7        PROVIDING national maritime administrations with the necessary qualified personnel in the administrative, legal, scientific and technical disciplines relating to the sector;
- .8        ENSURING that the personnel of national maritime administrations and other relevant agencies receive education and continuous training to keep abreast of regulatory and technological developments, quality standards and best practices in support of their maritime roles and functions;
- .9        PROMOTING efforts aimed at encouraging and enhancing intra-regional technical co-operation and support;
- .10      PROMOTING ALSO the establishment of bilateral and multilateral arrangements for search and rescue;

- .11 INCREASING cooperation among the States and Territories of the region for the effective performance of flag State implementation and port State control activities through, inter alia, the sharing of experience, expert services, information, education and training opportunities;
- .12 INCREASING acceptance of, and giving full and complete effect to the CMoU, as well as increasing cooperation and harmonization on port State control matters among States and Territories of the region;
- .13 INCREASING acceptance of, and giving full effect to the provisions of the CCSS and SCV Codes;
- .14 RECOGNIZING, in the context of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, the IMO instruments relating to maritime safety, security, marine environment protection and the facilitation of maritime transport, and the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC 2006) as relevant international maritime instruments to be adopted and implemented; and
- .15 ENSURING resolutions of the Senior Maritime Administrators' Workshops are included in the maritime agenda at the regional level.

**2 IN VIEW OF THESE COMMITMENTS, WHICH REQUIRE CONTINUED COOPERATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT, HEREBY:**

- .1 RECOMMEND that the Governments of the Caribbean region develop, update and implement national maritime policies and action plans which articulate the developmental vision for the sector and ensure more effective compliance with, and enforcement of, international maritime rules and standards throughout the region;
- .2 RECOMMEND ALSO that such national maritime policies and action plans be based on assessments of existing capacities in maritime administrations, and contain clear objectives and realistic target dates for their attainment, as well as defined activities to be carried out by individual Governments, through technical co-operation among Caribbean countries, or with external assistance;
- .3 RECOMMEND FURTHER that the Governments of the Caribbean take steps to develop a regional maritime policy taking into consideration national maritime policies and action plans as well as the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas;
- .4 REQUEST the IMO Regional Maritime Adviser to assist, where applicable, the Caribbean States in developing or updating their national maritime policies and action plans and to invite the IMO, ILO, ITU, other United Nations agencies and donor governments and organizations to continue to take account of the action plans in the preparation and execution of their respective technical co-operation programmes for the Caribbean;
- .5 ALSO REQUEST IMO to maintain its presence in the Caribbean, beyond 2013, so that the required assistance and coordination can be provided to the beneficiary States and Territories on a sustained and comprehensive basis;

- .6 REQUEST FURTHER IMO, as the United Nations specialized agency dealing with the maritime sector, in consultation with relevant international and regional organizations, interested Governments and industry organizations, to facilitate the mobilization of resources to assist the States and Territories of the region in implementing the regional and national action plans and in giving full and complete effect to international maritime rules and standards;
  - .7 ENCOURAGE Governments of the region, in their interactions with financial institutions and bilateral and multilateral development partners, to specifically include the accessing of resources for the further development of human and institutional capacities in the maritime field;
  - .8 REQUEST Governments to take the necessary steps to be audited under the IMO Audit Scheme;
  - .9 URGE that collaboration between the CARICOM Secretariat and the IMO Secretariat be strengthened to facilitate the development and implementation of a regional policy and related matters; and
  - .10 REQUEST the Secretariats of the Caribbean Community, CMOU, Association of Caribbean States (ACS), IHO, ILO, IMO and ITU to bring this resolution to the attention of the appropriate bodies within their organizations for their consideration and relevant action.
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