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Agenda item 1

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### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the ninth session of the Sub-Committee to be held remotely<sup>1</sup>  
from Monday, 4 April to Friday, 8 April 2022**

**(Session commences at 11 a.m. (UTC+1) on Monday, 4 April 2022)**

Opening of the session

- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential amendments to the IBC Code
- 4 Development of an operational guide on the response to spills of hazardous and noxious substances (HNS)
- 5 Revised guidance on methodologies that may be used for enumerating viable organisms
- 6 Revision of guidelines associated with the AFS Convention as a consequence of the introduction of controls on cybutryne
- 7 Review of the 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species (resolution MEPC.207(62))
- 8 Reduction of the impact on the Arctic of Black Carbon emissions from international shipping
- 9 Standards for shipboard gasification of waste systems and associated amendments to regulation 16 of MARPOL Annex VI<sup>2</sup>
- 10 Evaluation and harmonization of rules and guidance on the discharge of discharge water from exhaust gas cleaning systems (EGCS) into the aquatic environment, including conditions and areas

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the decisions of ALCOM/ES (ALCOM/ES/5/1) and MSC-LEG-MEPC-TCC-FAL.1/Circ.1 on *Interim guidance to facilitate remote sessions of the Committees during the COVID-19 pandemic*.

<sup>2</sup> Includes consideration of documents which were deferred by PPR 7 (see PPR 7/22, paragraph 10.3).

- 11 Development of amendments to MARPOL Annex VI and the NO<sub>x</sub> Technical Code on the use of multiple engine operational profiles for a marine diesel engine<sup>3</sup>
- 12 Development of measures to reduce risks of use and carriage of heavy fuel oil as fuel by ships in Arctic waters
- 13 Development of necessary amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV, V and VI to allow States with ports in the Arctic region to enter into regional arrangements for port reception facilities (PRFs)
- 14 Revision of MARPOL Annex IV and associated guidelines to introduce provisions for record-keeping and measures to confirm the lifetime performance of sewage treatment plants
- 15 Follow-up work emanating from the Action Plan to Address Marine Plastic Litter from Ships<sup>4</sup>
- 16 Unified interpretation to provisions of IMO environment-related conventions
- 17 Biennial status report and provisional agenda for PPR 10
- 18 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023
- 19 Any other business
- 20 Consideration of the report of the Sub-Committee

## Notes

1 In accordance with the *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.2):

.1 documents should be received by the Secretariat as follows:<sup>5</sup>

.1 documents (including information documents) containing more than six pages of text (bulky documents<sup>6</sup>) by **Friday, 31 December 2021 (13-week deadline)**;

.2 non-bulky documents including information documents (six pages or fewer) and bulky information documents submitted in electronic format, by **Friday, 28 January 2022 (9-week deadline)**; and

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<sup>3</sup> Includes consideration of documents which were deferred by PPR 7 (see PPR 7/22, paragraph 13.6).

<sup>4</sup> Includes consideration of documents which were deferred by PPR 8 (see PPR 8/13, paragraph 8.5).

<sup>5</sup> Documents other than information documents and reports from sub-committees, working, drafting, correspondence and other working groups and the Secretariat, which contain more than 20 pages, in line with paragraph 6.11 of the annex to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.2, will not be translated in their entirety. Such documents should include, for translation purposes, a summary not longer than four pages, with the technical content submitted as an annex in the language needed by working groups (i.e. English).

<sup>6</sup> In case documents contain more than 50 pages, the provisions of paragraph 6.12.1 of the annex to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.2 are to be applied.

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- .3 documents (four pages or fewer) commenting on those referred to in sub-paragraphs .1 and .2 above or on documents previously submitted to PPR 7 or PPR 8 and whose consideration has been deferred to PPR 9, by **Friday, 11 February 2022 (seven-week deadline)**. These documents should start with a paragraph clearly indicating the document on which comments are made and stating that the document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.12.5 of the Committees' Method of Work;
  - .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing and be as concise as possible, and:
    - .1 all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with section 6 of the annex to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.2;
    - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action that the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
    - .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information they contain; and
  - .3 the following word processing format should be observed in order to standardize presentation:
    - font: Arial;
    - font size: 11;
    - justification: full; and
    - margins: 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right.

A template is available on the IMODOCS website for use in the preparation of documents.

To facilitate processing, documents should be submitted in Microsoft Word, preferably by email to [ppr@imo.org](mailto:ppr@imo.org). It should be noted that the file size limit for the IMO email system is set at 10 Mbytes. If submitters do not receive an acknowledgement receipt by the Secretariat within five working days, they should contact [ppr@imo.org](mailto:ppr@imo.org) without delay.

2 The Committees' Method of Work, inter alia, requests the Secretariat to strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Member States or international organizations.

3 In order to improve access to information and increase transparency, submitters of meeting documents are invited to give their consent for their documents to be released to the public prior to the meeting by checking the "opt-in box" at the top right corner of the new document template provided on IMODOCS (pre-session public release). In the absence of explicit consent, submissions will not be released to the public prior to the meeting.