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## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the seventy-second session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee  
to be held at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR  
from Monday, 9 April to Friday, 13 April 2018**

**Session commences at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 9 April 2018**

- Opening of the session
- 1 Adoption of the agenda
  - 2 Decisions of other bodies
  - 3 Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
  - 4 Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water
  - 5 Air pollution and energy efficiency
  - 6 Further technical and operational measures for enhancing the energy efficiency of international shipping
  - 7 Reduction of GHG emissions from ships
  - 8 Identification and protection of Special Areas, ECAs and PSSAs
  - 9 Pollution prevention and response  
(Urgent matters emanating from the fifth session of the Sub-Committee)
  - 10 Reports of other sub-committees
  - 11 Development of measures to reduce risks of use and carriage of heavy fuel oil as fuel by ships in Arctic waters
  - 12 Technical cooperation activities for the protection of the marine environment
  - 13 Capacity building for the implementation of new measures
  - 14 Application of the Committees' method of work

- 15 Work programme of the Committee and subsidiary bodies
- 16 Any other business
- 17 Consideration of the report of the 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):

- .1 documents should be received by the Secretariat as follows<sup>1</sup>:
  - .1 documents containing proposals for unplanned outputs, by **Friday, 5 January 2018 (13-week deadline)**;
  - .2 documents (including information documents) containing more than six pages of text (bulky documents<sup>2</sup>), by **Friday, 5 January 2018 (13-week deadline)**;
  - .3 non-bulky documents including information documents (six pages or fewer) and bulky information documents submitted in electronic format, by **Friday, 2 February 2018 (nine-week deadline)**; and
  - .4 documents (four pages or fewer) commenting on those referred to in subparagraphs .1 to .3 above, by **Friday, 16 February 2018 (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 the Committees' Guidelines;
  - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action that the Committee is invited to take; and
  - .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein;

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<sup>1</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 Committees' method of work, 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>2</sup> In the case of documents containing more than 50 pages, the provisions of paragraph 6.12.1 of the Committees' method of work are to be applied.

.3 the following word processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:

- font: Arial;
- font size: 11;
- justification: full;
- 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; and

To facilitate the processing of documents, they should be sent via email in Microsoft Word to IMO's email address [info@imo.org](mailto:info@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 [info@imo.org](mailto:info@imo.org) without delay, referring to the original email.

2 The Committees' method of work, inter alia, requests the Secretariat to strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not to accept late submissions from Governments or delegations.

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