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ROLE OF THE HUMAN ELEMENT

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: INTERTANKO and ITF have reviewed the draft revised Guidelines on the organization and method of work as contained in document MSC 87/23 and suggest to incorporate the human element principles therein as requested by MSC 87

Strategic direction: 7.4

High-level action: 7.4.1

Planned output: 7.4.1.1

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: MSC 87/17/3, MSC 87/23; MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.1 and MSC 87/26

1 This document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 4.10.4 of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.2 (Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies).

2 At MSC 87, INTERTANKO and ITF in document MSC 87/17/3 expressed the view that it would be prudent and appropriate to incorporate the human element principles into the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies.

3 In particular, document MSC 87/17/3 suggested incorporating elements of MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.1 and MSC/Circ.763-MEPC/Circ.313 into MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.2 to ensure that the human element was thoroughly taken into account when considering new work programme items.

4 After some discussion, the Committee agreed that an appropriate amendment to the Committee's Guidelines (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.2) would need to be developed at the next session of the Joint MSC/MEPC Working Group on the Human Element, scheduled to be convened at MSC 88, and invited Member Governments and international organizations to submit comments and proposals for consideration at its next session (MSC 87/26, paragraph 17.11).

5 Since the guidelines for method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies pertain to both Committees, INTERTANKO and ITF are submitting this document to both MEPC 61 and MSC 88.

6 INTERTANKO and ITF, having noted the proposed revised Guidelines on the organization and method of work as contained in document MSC 87/23, have reviewed the issue and suggest to incorporate the human element principles into the revised Guidelines on the organization and method of work, as follows:

"In paragraph 4.8, add a new subparagraph .8 which would read as follows:

".8 **Human Element:** Provide the completed checklist contained in MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.1 to demonstrate that the human element has been sufficiently addressed."

In paragraph 4.8, renumber .8 and .9 to .9 and .10.

In paragraph 4.12, add a new subparagraph .10 which would read as follows:

".10 Does the completed checklist contained in MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.1 demonstrate that the human element has been sufficiently addressed."

In paragraph 4.12, renumber .10 and .11 to .11 and .12."

Action requested of the Committee

7 The Committee is invited to consider the proposed amendment, as set out in paragraph 6 above, and decide as appropriate.
