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*Draft International Convention for the
Safe and Environmentally Sound
Recycling of Ships –
Report of the Correspondence Group*

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Terms of Reference for the CG

"The Correspondence Group on Ship Recycling is instructed to:

- .1 further develop the draft Convention;*
- .2 further develop the draft guidelines necessary under the draft Convention; and*
- .3 submit a written report to the Intersessional Working Group on Ship Recycling for consideration."*

Round 1 – Start of the work

- Focus was to establish the group
- Circulation of a draft work plan
- Circulation of the draft Convention
- Outcome:
 - 42 CG members
 - Agreement on the draft work plan
 - Agreement on renumbering of the draft Convention

ROUND 2 – Terms and Definitions

- Screen the draft Convention and look into every term to consider the need for a definition of the term
 - Some clear yes
 - Some may be
 - Some clear no
- A base document containing discussions and proposals was circulated
- Message: 1) There is a reason for either deviating or aligning with other conventions, and 2) do not try to solve every aspect within the definition (the purpose is to make the requirements clear).
- 25 set of comments founded the basis for the outcome

Round 2 - Outcome

- Extensive task to analyze and group all the input.
- The outcome is included in Article 2 and regulation 1 of the draft Convention
- Annex 2 to the CG report contains the input for discussion, a summary of comments, and a proposed outcome.
- Annex 2 should be used by the MEPC-ISRWG

Round 3 – Forms for Documents required by the Convention

- Did not attract the same political interest, but it is important and a draft is needed at this point of time
- Drafts were developed and circulated within the group
- Appendices:
 1. Controls of Hazardous Materials
 2. Inventory of Hazardous Materials
 3. Form of the International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials.
 4. Form of the International Ready for Recycling Certificate.
 5. Form of the authorization of recycling facilities.
 6. Form of the Statement of Completion of the Ship Recycling.
 7. Reporting forms [to be developed].

Round 3 – Comments on the Convention

- Difficult to organize
- The inf.doc collates all the comments;
- And:
 - .1 editorial comments and proposals for restructuring are included in the revised Convention which would make the agreed draft at MEPC 55 clearer;
 - .2 comments of substantive nature are in general not included in the revised draft Convention (annex 1 to the cg report) due to the non-existing correspondence on such proposals; and
 - .3 issues of substantial nature raised by more than one correspondence group member, and new issues raised by one or more correspondence group members can be found in a short discussion document in annex 3 to this report.

Round 4 – the guidelines

- A base document was circulated
- The CG process developed 3 guidelines
- Drafts on the other guidelines by volunteers
- **Draft list of Guidelines:**
 - Guidelines for the Inventory of Hazardous Materials.
 - Guidelines for Survey and Certification
 - Guidelines for Inspection of Ships
 - Guidelines for the Authorization of Ship Recycling Facilities
 - Guidelines for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Ship Recycling
 - Guidelines for the Development of the Ship Recycling Plan
- Compared to the development of other Conventions, the situation is good regarding progress

Round 5 – Consideration of MEPC 55/3/12 by India

- Initiative by the coordinator because of the comment by India at MEPC 55
- No specific text proposals as a result of this consideration
- Note... the final comment by India...

Circulation of the draft CG report

- Comments received are as far as possible adjusted for
- Final comment by the coordinator:
 - Very good progress achieved
 - A good basis for further development of the Convention
 - This was the final Correspondence Group on ship recycling!