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(a) Maritime transport policy development

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides an update on the work undertaken by the Secretariat to enhance assistance to Member States in the development of National Maritime Transport Policies (NMTPs)

Strategic direction, if applicable: 1 and 4

Output: 1.8 and 4.2

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related documents: TC 67/5(a), TC 66/5(a) and TC 65/6(a)

Introduction

1 At its sixty-seventh session, the Committee was provided with updated information on the work undertaken by the Secretariat to assist Member States in formulating and adopting their National Maritime Transport Policies (NMTPs) through the development of a training package to promote NMTPs and the delivery of related training events.

Finalization of a training package and production of short videos to promote NMTPs

2 The training package has been finalized and is currently being translated into the three working languages of IMO to enable delivery of the training in other languages. It should be recalled that the training package, which was developed by the World Maritime University (WMU) in close cooperation with the Secretariat, comprises the workshop and seminar material. This training package was tested, assessed and reviewed through the delivery of a number of maritime transport policy related activities undertaken since the latter part of 2015. The training package, which has a broad global dimension and is not country specific, highlights the importance of developing and adopting NMTPs. It also provides beneficiaries with the required knowledge and skills which are necessary to prepare such policies that will in turn enhance the implementation of their obligations as flag, port and coastal States and lead to better development and regulation of the maritime transport sector. Member States are reminded that the workshop, which is run over three days, is aimed at Government officials

and other personnel involved in the development and preparation of NMTPs whereas the one-day seminar is intended for senior officials who review and recommend NMTPs for adoption.

3 To complement the training material, the Secretariat, in cooperation with WMU, is producing two short videos (expected to be ready by end of April 2018) to promote and advocate the development and adoption of NMTPs. The videos should provide a useful tool to assist the Secretariat and senior Government officials in raising awareness of the importance and usefulness of NMTPs for a country's sustainable maritime development while also providing a long-term vision for the future of the maritime sector. The first video is targeted at Ministers and senior officials while the second one is intended to be shown during IMO's technical cooperation activities with a view to promoting NMTPs.

Delivery of maritime transport policy related activities

4 Since TC 67, national workshops on maritime transport policy have been delivered in Thailand (October 2017) and in the Philippines (March 2018) while another workshop is expected to be held in Kenya in May 2018. A maritime transport policy seminar was also delivered to the students pursuing postgraduate studies at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in Malta (February 2018). Other national activities are planned to take place in at least two countries during the second half of 2018.

5 NMTPs are not only important to the development of the maritime transport sector but could also be crucial for the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly at the country level as these policies, together with the utilization of the Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs), could serve to mainstream IMO's technical assistance work on the SDGs. NMTPs and CMPs could indeed facilitate the inclusion of the maritime sector in national development plans when formulating the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs) at the country level. The national maritime transport policy training is included in the IMO Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) global programme for capacity-building and training with a view to enabling the Secretariat to favourably respond to related technical assistance requests from Member States. Interested Member States who wish to benefit from such training are encouraged to submit a written request to the Director of the Technical Cooperation Division, at the earliest opportunity, for planning purposes.

Action requested of the Committee

6 The Committee is invited to consider the information provided in this document and to comment, as it may deem appropriate.
