

## Outcome & main decisions of 26 imo assembly (synopsis)

### 1. Assembly resolutions

The Assembly adopted the following resolutions:

#### 1.1 A.1011(26) – Strategic Plan for the Organization (for the Six-Year Period 2010 to 2015)

*In this Resolution, the Assembly provides the IMO Council with instructions on further development of the Organization's lawmaking process, taking due account of changing conditions and new challenges facing IMO. Resolution A.1011(26) will be reviewed by 27<sup>th</sup> IMO Assembly, whereas Resolution A.989(25) outlining the strategic plan for the period of 2008 to 2013, is replaced by the subject document.*

#### 1.2 A.1012(26) – High-Level Action Plan of the Organization and Priorities for the 2010-2011 Biennium

*By its Resolution A.1012(26) the Assembly provides the Council and the Committees of the Organization with instructions and guidance on ensuring compliance with the strategic and high-level IMO plans, and also outlines criteria for inclusion into the corresponding working programmes of items not covered by the plans. The main purpose of these recommendations is to enhance the efficiency and improve savings of the Organization. Resolution A.990(25) containing the high-level plan for the 2008 & 2009 biennium is no longer effective.*

#### 1.3 A.1013(26) – Guidelines on the Application of the Strategic Plan and the High-Level Action Plan of the Organization

*This Resolution establishes rules of the realization of the Organization's plans which are common for all IMO bodies. Besides, these rules provide for procedures of handling tasks not initially included in the plans, and of developing reports on tackling such tasks.*

#### 1.4 A.1014(26) – Results-Based Budget for the 2010-2011 Biennium

*By Resolution A.1014(26) the Assembly adopted the 2010 & 20100 biennium result-based budget, trading fund budget, headquarters capital fund, termination benefit fund, training and development fund and technical co-operation fund budgets. Resolutions A.101(IV), A.200(VI) and A.307(VIII) hereby terminate their effect.*

#### 1.5 A.1015(26) – Presentation of Accounts and Audit Reports

*By this Resolution, the final accounts and the audit reports thereon are approved for the reference period.*

#### 1.6 A.1016(26) – Arrears of Contributions

*This Resolution urges all Member States, which have not yet done so, to remit their payments of any arrears without further delay.*

#### 1.7 A.1017(26) – Revision of the Organization's Financial Regulations (effective 1 January 2010)

*The Resolution reflects the change of the Organization's accounting standards based earlier on the UN System Accounting Standards, to the International Public Sector Accounting Standards. Thus Resolutions A.14(I), A.32(II), A.59(III), A.75(IV), A.253(VII), A.301(VIII), A.364(IX) and A.845(20) ceased to be valid with the introduction of the new practice.*

1.8 **A.1018(26)** – Further Development of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme

*By Resolution A.1018(26) the Assembly encouraged the member States to continue contributing towards action leading to an institutionalization of the IMO Member State Audit Scheme which, according to the plan annexed to the Resolution, is expected to commence by 2014.*

1.9 **A.1019(26)** – Amendments to the Code for the Implementation of Mandatory IMO Instruments, 2007

*By Resolution A.1019(26) the Assembly adopted amendments to the “Code for the Implementation of Mandatory IMO Instruments, 2007”. According to this Resolution, the consolidated text of that Code is expected to be displayed at the IMO website ([www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org)). The Code serves as a basis for running the IMO ‘Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme’ under Resolution A.974(24) “Framework and procedures for the voluntary IMO member State audit scheme’.*

1.10 **A.1020(26)** – Amendments to the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification, 2007

*Resolution A.1020(26) takes account of the amendments that became effective since the adoption of the preceding instrument, i.e. A.997(25). According to the Resolution, the consolidated text of the Guidelines is expected to be displayed at the IMO website ([www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org)).*

1.11 **A.1021(26)** – Code on Alerts and Indicators, 2009

*The new 2009 version of the Code is a replacement of Resolution A.830(19) “Code on Alarms and Indicators” (1995) which incorporates all relating amendments adopted since then. Resolution A.830(19) is hereby revoked.*

1.12 **A.1022(26)** – Guidelines on the Implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Administrations

*This Resolution is an update and replacement of the precedent instrument, A.913(22) – “Revised Guidelines on implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Administrations” which is hereby revoked with effect as from 1 July 2010.*

1.13 **A.1023(26)** – Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 2009 (2009 MODU Code)

*By Resolution A.1023(26) the Assembly adopted the 2009 Code for the construction and equipment of MODUs; it is meant to replace the existing Code adopted by Resolution A.649(16) for installations whose keel is laid, or which are at a similar stage of construction, on 1 January 2012 and afterwards.*

1.14 **A.1024(26)** – Guidelines for Ships Operating in Polar Waters

*The Guidelines annexed to Resolution A.1024(26) represent further development of the “Guidelines for Ships Operating in Arctic Ice-Covered Waters” (MSC/Circ.1056-MEPC/Circ.399), extending them to the Antarctic area. This instrument having a recommendatory status, is expected to be replaced in future by a new mandatory code now under development by the Organization.*

1.15 **A.1025(26)** – Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships

Resolution A.1025(26) is an update of the previous IMO instrument on the matter, A.922(22), which is hereby revoked.

1.16 **A.1026(26)** – Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Waters off the Coast of Somalia

The Resolution re-iterates concern at the continuing incidents of piracy and armed robbery against merchant ships off the coast of Somalia and urges all Governments concerned to take all precautionary measures to protect ships flying their flags, from pirate attacks, basing on the recommendations developed by the Organization. Resolution A.1002(25) is hereby revoked.

1.17 **A.1027(26)** – Application and Revision of the Guidelines on the Allocation of Responsibilities to Seek the Successful Resolution of Stowaway Cases (Resolution A.871(20))

The Resolution, in particular, emphasizes difficulties encountered by member States in dealing with two parallel regimes, i.e. Resolution A.871(20) and FAL provisions on stowaways. The main purpose of the Resolution, to be reviewed at A.27, is to reconcile and harmonize these regimes. Resolution A.871 is hereby revoked.

1.18 **A.1028(26)** – Issuing of Bunkers Certificates to Bareboat-Registered Vessels

This Resolution having a recommendatory status aims at providing instructions on the compliance with the requirements of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 for bareboat-registered ships. The Resolution recommends to the Parties to the said Convention to:

- recognize that Bunkers certificates should be issued by the flag State if it is a Party thereto;
- all Parties should not request more than one Bunkers certificate from any ship, including ships bareboat-registered in a State Party, and should accept Bunkers certificates issued by such a State Party;
- States Parties should avoid taking action that could cause unnecessary bureaucracy;
- States Parties, which allow ships to be registered as bareboat chartered, should co-operate with each other to find viable solutions to problems caused by differing interpretations regarding the issuance of Bunkers certificates to ships registered in bareboat registries.

1.19 **A.1029(26)** – Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)

The Resolution encourages the member States as well as IMO organs to widen the use of GISIS system run by the IMO Secretariat. The document emphasizes the fact that the information system serves as a modern tool significantly enhancing the potential of the Secretariat, and allows at the same time to effectively monitor the fulfillment of international treaties by member States.

1.20 **A.1030(26)** – Charter of the World Maritime University

By Resolution A.1030(26) the Assembly adopted a revised WMU Charter taking account of changes and emerging demands placed on the University by the international maritime sector in future.

1.21 **A.1031(26)** – Sustainable Financial Support for the World Maritime University

*Noting growing difficulties in ensuring the financial support for the World Maritime University, the Assembly urges the IMO member States and the industry to make all possible efforts to provide WMU with the proper assistance enabling it to continue its activities.*

1.22      **A.1032(26)** – Relations with Non-Governmental Organizations

*This Resolution renews the list of NGOs having a consultative status with IMO and instructs the Council to monitor the performance of these organizations in order to keep that list updated.*