Resolution concerning the establishment
of a working group of the Special Tripartite Committee

The second meeting of the SpecialTripartite Committee (STC) of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, having discussed a proposal, submitted by the Group of Seafarer representatives of the STC for amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 2.2 of the MLC, 2006, as well as issues related to the submission of amendments, decides, in accordance with article 15 of its Standing Orders, to establish a working group with the following terms of reference:

(i) to examine issues related to the protection of seafarers’ wages when the seafarer is held captive on or off the ship as a result of acts such as piracy or armed robbery, and to prepare proposals including an amendment to the Code of the MLC, 2006 to address these issues;

(ii) to recommend improvements to the process for preparing proposals for amendments to the Code of the MLC, 2006 for consideration by the STC in accordance with Article XV of the Convention and article 11 of the Standing Orders of the STC, to promote their earlier and fuller consideration by Member States and representative organizations of Seafarers and Shipowners; and

(iii) to deliver a report, with recommendations, to be submitted to the third meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee, not later than nine months before the meeting.

Composition

The working group shall be composed of four Government representatives, four Shipowner representatives and four Seafarer representatives, and in keeping with the Standing Orders of the STC.

Delegation of authority to STC Officers

In accordance with paragraph 5 of article 7 of the Standing Orders of the STC, the programme of work, date and time for the sitting of the working group shall be arranged by the Officers of the STC.

There will be only one sitting of the working group, however it is expected that the working group will commence its work by correspondence well in advance of the sitting.

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The STC further invites the Governing Body to request the Director-General to give due priority in the allocation of resources with a view to giving effect to this resolution.