

**Third meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee
established by the Governing Body in accordance with
Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006,
as amended (MLC, 2006)**

Geneva
23–27 April 2018

Resolution concerning decent work in the inland navigation sector

Submitted by the Seafarers' group

The Special Tripartite Committee (STC) established by the Governing Body under Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended,

Having met at its third meeting in Geneva from 23 to 27 April 2018,

Noting the close links between maritime shipping and inland navigation and the interlinkage between the two sectors within the transport supply chain,

Noting that the fatal accidents in the inland navigation sector tarnish the public image of the shipping sector as a whole,

Noting that the only instrument of the International Labour Organization covering the inland navigation sector is the Hours of Work (Inland Navigation) Recommendation, 1920 (No. 8),

Regrets the regular loss of life caused by accidents in parts of the sector,

Noting that inland navigation personnel are faced with unique living and working conditions which require special consideration,

Noting the contents of the Working Paper No. 297, “Living and working conditions in inland navigation in Europe”, published by the International Labour Office in 2013,

Recognizing that there is a deficit in parts of the sector in relation to decent living and working conditions and that there should be some action by the ILO to address that deficit,

Acknowledging the importance of internal waterways as a sustainable mode of transport for both cargo and people;

Encourages the sectoral advisory bodies,¹ which will meet in January 2019, to consider recommending to the Governing Body a sectoral meeting in the 2020–21 biennium to discuss how decent work in the inland navigation sector could be promoted.

¹ Sectoral advisory bodies (composed of governmental regional coordinators, coordinators of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and representatives of relevant Global Union federations and IOE sectoral partners, and supported by the Office) were established in 2007, to deepen the consultation process on reviewing the content and type of sectoral activities, making recommendations in order to assist the Office in setting priorities for sectoral work (see GB.298/12(Rev.), para. 40).