

Mental Health – Happy and Healthy seafarers

Background:

The candidates enable start their preparation for submissions had been given guidance for developing papers for submission to HTW based on the following :

As the work progresses on the comprehensive review, taking into account that work has already been initiated on the development and finalization of training provisions on prevention of bullying and harassment in the maritime sector, including sexual assault and sexual harassment and need not be replicated but consider concepts for psychological safe environment and the full scope of mental health – happy and healthy seafarers.

It was also advised that the Teams will have to submit their paper as per the Role assigned to them, which details will be shared with them once the Registration process is completed. This document lists out the roles and additional information / guidance for the teams.

The Teams have to submit their paper as per the Role assigned to them in accordance with the Table below:

TABLE :

A	B	C	D	E	F
Developed Nation	Developed Nation	Developing Nation	Developing Nation	Developing Nation	NGO
Large spending capability on infrastructure	Moderate spending capability on infrastructure	Moderate spending capability on infrastructure	Large spending capability on infrastructure	Limited spending capability on infrastructure	International presence and very active wrt human element and safety aspects for seafarers
Limited Ship owners but large trade and exposure to shipping	Large number of Ship owners but limited trade exposure	Limited Ship owning and moderate trade	Large Ship owning and large trade and large exposure to coastal shipping	Limited Ship owning and limited trade exposure	Not applicable
Limited seafarer supplier	Moderate seafarer supplier	Large seafarer supplier	Large seafarer supplier including on coast	Large seafarer supplier	Not applicable
Limited R & D in the field of training supporting tools	Large R & D in the field of training supporting tools	Moderate R & D in the field of training supporting tools	Large R & D in the field of training supporting tools	Moderate R & D in the field of training supporting tools	Extremely supportive of R&D work and aiming for better facilities

Seafarers skill level medium	Seafarers skill level high	Seafarers skill level low	Seafarers skill level medium	Seafarers skill level high	Not applicable
Seafarers knowledge level low	Seafarers knowledge level high	Seafarers knowledge level high	Seafarers knowledge level medium	Seafarers knowledge level medium	Not applicable
Reasonably exposed to supply of seafarers	Limited exposure to supply of seafarers	Reasonably exposed to supply of seafarers	Reasonably exposed to supply of seafarers	Large exposure to supply of seafarers	Has immense concern for welfare of seafarers
Level of ambition wrt seafarers quality- moderate	Level of ambition wrt seafarers quality - high	Level of ambition wrt seafarers quality - high	Level of ambition wrt seafarers quality – moderate	Level of ambition wrt seafarers quality – moderate	Level of ambition wrt seafarers quality – extremely high

Note: In order to inject realism and relevance into the exercise, the table has been drawn up on the basis of various aspects which influence the stands taken by various 'Parties' at the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

General guidelines additional :

1. The circular MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5 has been reviewed and the Rev 6 is now in force as MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.6 dated 6th May 2025 - ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE AND THEIR SUBSIDIARY BODIES (**attached**) to guide them about the working of the committees at IMO and also in that the PROCEDURES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS. With this revision in force MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5 stands revoked.

2. Additional Guidance update:

1. The Participants will additionally have guidance from Industry stalwarts (besides their own campus internal guides) who will act as Guides and be assigned to them. The Papers are to be prepared in the format similar to IMO (downloadable from the IMO website as a public user) and submitted as per schedule announced separately and available on the IMU website. After the last date of **Paper submission 1**, papers submitted by the Teams playing different roles will be shared, enabling participants playing a particular Role to understand the positions taken by the Teams playing other Roles, but not allowing them to see the Papers of teams playing the same role as their own. (For Example; the stream is having 60 participating teams for their topic, thus there will be ten teams per Role category. Now Teams of Role category A would get to see all papers of category B, C, D, E & F but not the papers of category A. The rationale behind such disclosure is to make the participants to understand the viewpoints of the other categories of the same topic. Noteworthy part of the competition is that the papers of participants of the same category of same topic will not be subjected to the disclosure within themselves).

2. **Length of papers:** There is no restriction on the length of papers so as to encourage participants to do intensive research. However, it is strongly recommended to keep the contents relevant to the topic. Irrelevant information, duplication of information, plagiarism & copyright infringement may attract negative marking and in severe cases, papers may get disqualified.
3. After understanding the viewpoints of teams with different roles of the same Topic, each team can insert modifications, if any, to the contents of their Paper submission 1 (already submitted) and can submit a modified paper highlighting the changes as their **Final Paper**, (length of Final paper should not exceed by 2 pages from original paper submission 1), within the time prescribed in the schedule.