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**REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES ON MARITIME CYBER RISK MANAGEMENT
(MSC-FAL.1/CIRC.3/REV.2) AND IDENTIFICATION OF NEXT STEPS
TO ENHANCE MARITIME CYBERSECURITY**

Comments on document MSC 109/7/1

Submitted by the United Arab Emirates

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides comments on document MSC 109/7/1.

*Strategic direction,
if applicable:* 2

Output: 2.8

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: MSC 109/7/1; MSC 108/6, MSC 108/6/1, MSC 108/20, paragraphs 6.1-6.11, MSC 108/20/Add.1 Annex 25, MSC 108/WP.10; MSC 107/17/9, MSC 107/17/28, MSC 107/20, paragraphs 17.26-17.28, MSC 107/INF.11, MSC 107/INF.17; MSC 104/7/1; FAL 48/5/5, FAL 48/17; FAL 46/23/2; resolution A.1110(3); resolution MSC.428(98); MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.2; MSC.1/Circ.1526 and MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.1

Introduction

1 This document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.12.5 of the *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5) and provides comments on document MSC 109/7/1.

Discussion

2 The United Arab Emirates is one of the co-sponsors of document MSC 109/7/1 which entirely supported including the proposals therein.

3 The Committee may recall that, at its 107th session, agreed to include in its biennial agenda for the 2024-2025 biennium and the provisional agenda of MSC 108 an output on "*Revision of the Guidelines on maritime cyber risk management (MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.2) and identification of next steps to enhance maritime cybersecurity*", with a target completion year of 2024.

Proposal

4 In order to advance this important work, it is proposed to extend the target completion of the output on "Revision of the *Guidelines on maritime cyber risk management (MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.2)* and *identification of next steps to enhance maritime cybersecurity*", to year 2026.

5 The reason for extending the target completion of this output to year 2026 is due to the fact that this is a joint MSC-FAL circular which has to be approved by both Committees. If the Committee, at its 109th session, agrees on the proposal as set out in document MSC 109/7/1 as well as in this document, the consideration of proposals to further develop cybersecurity standards for ships and port facilities will be at MSC 110 (June 2025). Noting that FAL 49 is scheduled during March 2025, which is earlier than MSC 110. Therefore, if the revision to MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.2 is anticipated to be completed and approved at MSC 110, FAL 50 (2026) would be able to consider the joint circular with a view for approval.

6 The Committee may also note that FAL 48 (held from 8 April to 12 April 2024) agreed to have a new output on "Development of a comprehensive strategy on maritime digitalization" with a target completion year of 2027 and intended to invite MSC and MEPC Committees to become associated organs. The work in formulating the strategy is anticipated to begin from FAL 49 in 2025. The maritime cybersecurity could also be part of such important work.

Action requested of the Committee

7 The Committee is invited to:

- .1 note the information provided;
- .2 consider the proposal in paragraph 4; and
- .3 take action, as appropriate.