



INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL

Press Release

Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the IOMOU PSC Committee held via Virtual Mode

The Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on port State control held its **Twenty-fifth Committee Meeting** via virtual mode from 01- 04 November 2022, as hosted by the Authority of Islamic Republic of Iran, in co-ordination with the Secretariat. This meeting was chaired by Ms. Beatrice Nyamoita, Deputy Director, Shipping & Maritime, State Department of Transport, Kenya.

During the opening ceremony, Mr. Majid Alinazi, Member of the Managing Board & Deputy Managing Director for Maritime Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, made the inaugural speech. The meeting was officially declared opened by the Chair on 01 November 2022.

Members Authorities of Australia, Bangladesh, France, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, Seychelles, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania attended the meeting with their valuable participation. In addition, senior representatives from the Abuja MoU, Black Sea MoU, Paris MoU, Riyadh MoU, and IMO also participated in the meeting as Observers. Special Invitees from the ILO and the IMO also attended this meeting for exchanging relevant information.

The Committee deliberated on the enhancement of New Inspection Regime (NIR) and decided that the Correspondence Group will further continue to work on.

The Correspondence Group presented the report of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Ships' Stability in General which was carried out from 1 September to 30 November 2021.

The Committee also discussed, deliberated, and taken decisions on the various important agenda items, some of them as follows:

- proposal from the Paris MOU on overarching database among all MoUs;
- amendments to the MOU related with Resolution A.1155(32);
- inclusion of the Cape Town Agreement 2012, (CTA12) as relevant Instrument of the Indian Ocean MOU;
- amendments to the PSC Manual and form the Correspondence Group (CG) for developing Guidelines for PSCO on IGF Code and Guidelines for PSCO on minimum safety standards of engine ratings in the engine room;
- enhancement to the IOCIS and approve new deficiency codes;
- status of the Co-operation program between IOMOU and Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) on fishing vessels;
- agreed to conduct CIC on Fire Safety in 2023, in conjunction with the Paris MoU and the Tokyo MoU.

The Committee adopted the 2021 Annual Report including the overview of the activities of the IOMOU for the period and the statistics including inspections. A total number of 4993 inspections were carried out in 2021. Out of these 4993 inspections, 2197 inspections had deficiencies and the total number of deficiencies were 9131. Serious, deficiencies were noted by the PSCOs led to the detention of 198 ships. The number of inspections in 2021 increased by 5% as compared to 2020, and the detention percentage also has marginally decreased from 4.58% (2020) to 3.97% (2021).

The Committee approved its annual Theme for the year 2023 as

“Green Sailing with future Ships”.

The Committee further extended the term of Chair and Vice Chair till the next face-to-face Committee meeting. Authority of Seychelles agreed to host the next Annual PSCC meeting in physical mode in the year 2023.

In order to promote better understanding of the activities of the organization and to monitor the developments and changes in the industry which could impact the quality of shipping, an interactive session was held with the representatives from the Asian Classification Society, International Association of Classification Societies Ltd. and the INTERTANKO.

The host Authority of Islamic Republic of Iran addressed the floor with Vote of thanks and the Chair Ms. Beatrice Nyamoita, concluded the proceedings on 04.11.2022 Madam Chair also thanked the Secretariat, member Authorities, Observers, Special invitees and Mr. Tobela Gqabu, Vice Chair of the Committee, for participation, kind support, assistance and taking out their valuable time for making the meeting successful held through virtual session, and expressed her wish to meet all the distinguished delegates during the next Annual PSC Committee meeting in person, to be held in Seychelles.

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