



**The formation of a group of experts on the upcoming comprehensive review of the
STCW Convention, 1978, as amended**

Note by the Secretariat

Background

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, entered into force in 1984, and major amendments were introduced in 1995 and 2010. The Diplomatic Conference of the Parties that adopted the 2010 Manila Amendments also developed several resolutions including resolution 15 on “Future amendments and review of the STCW Convention and Code”, which recommends that “a comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and Code should, as far as possible, be carried out every ten years to address any inconsistencies identified in the interim; and to ensure that they are up to date with emerging technologies.”

The International Chamber of Shipping at 6th Session of the Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping Sub-committee proposed a comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and Code due to the impact of the current pace of technological, regulatory and operational developments on requirements for the training of seafarers and to allow for the anticipated length of time the review and revision process would take at IMO. The proposal was in principal agreed to by the member states and its formulation in the format of a new output is expected to be submitted to the next session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) for subsequent consideration.

The role of IAMU in the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and Code

The IAMU, as an educational association and non-governmental organization in consultative status with IMO, should not stay away from this activity but should be deeply involved in the discussion on the upcoming comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and Code from its very beginning. The IAMU as a representative of MET institutions should monitor the process of the comprehensive review and provide from time to time the association’s opinion based on educational point of views.

In order to contribute to a constructive discussion on possible amendments to the STCW Convention and Code, the Secretariat is of the opinion that the IAMU should form a group of experts on the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and Code and entrust related

tasks to the group which should be constituted of carefully selected members from IAMU member universities.

Procedure to form the group of experts

1. Individuals from member universities interested in being a member of the IAMU expert group fill and submit the form annexed to this document to the Secretariat by [31 October 2020](#).
2. The Liaison Committee, the WG on OBT and the Secretariat review the forms and compile a short-list of the group members for IEB's final approval.
3. Upon approval by the IEB, the Secretariat informs individual group members and establishes the group.
