

**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

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## **Resolution concerning facilitation of shore leave and transit**

### **Submitted by the Seafarers' and Shipowners' groups**

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,

Acknowledging that the International Labour Organization, through its adoption of amendments to Annexes I, II and III of the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185), identified the efficient facilitation of shore leave for seafarers as a matter of importance,

Noting that in Convention No. 185, member States recognize that seafarers work and live on ships involved in international trade and that access to shore facilities and shore leave are vital elements of seafarers' general well-being and, therefore, to the achievement of safer shipping and cleaner oceans,

Noting that Regulation 4.4 of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended, requires Members to ensure that shore-based welfare facilities, where they exist, are easily accessible,

Noting also the other relevant international instruments, in particular Standards 3.44 and 3.44bis of the Annex to the FAL Convention, 1965 and the IMO Assembly Resolution No. 1090 on "Fair treatment of crew members in respect of shore leave and access to shore-side facilities":

- (a) acknowledges that States seek to secure their air, land, and sea borders;
- (b) expresses concern about the difficulties seafarers continue to have in accessing shore leave and transiting in certain ports and terminals around the world;
- (c) recognizes that although an increased number of member States have ratified Convention No. 185, there still appear to be problems in ensuring the Convention works in the way that it was originally intended, as well as continued challenges faced by

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visitors to the ship, including representatives of seafarers' welfare and labour organizations <sup>1</sup> in accessing some port areas;

- (d) urges member States to acknowledge the right of seafarers to shore leave and to ensure access to shore leave and the associated transit is facilitated efficiently in accordance with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended;
- (e) invites the Governing Body to request the Director-General to disseminate this resolution and to bring it to the attention of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations.

<sup>1</sup> International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) 2003, as amended, Article 16.3.15.