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REPORT OF THE 1ST SESSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Association of African Maritime Administrations (AAMA) is the coordinating body for Maritime Administration in Africa which was established pursuant to Article 5 of the African Maritime Transport Charter (AMTC).
- 1.2 At the 3rd Conference of AAMA held in Abuja Nigeria from the 19 – 21 April 2017 the Nigeria Maritime Administration and Safety Agency was unanimously elected as Chairman of AAMA along with an Eleven (11) Member Executive Committee for a period of one (1) year until the next conference in Egypt in 2018.
- 1.3 The Membership of the Executive Committee is drawn from representatives of Central Africa (**Cameroun and Cape Verde**), West Africa(**Ivory Coast and Ghana**), East Africa (**Tanzania and Comoros**) Southern Africa (**Mozambique and South Africa**), North Africa (**Egypt and Sudan**), and **Uganda** representing land locked countries.

- I.4 The Executive Committee held its 1st Session at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) Abu Kir Campus Alexandria on 18th September 2017. The Session was chaired by Dr. Dakuku Adol Peterside (Nigeria), AAMA Chairman and Director General, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA).
- I.5 The Session was attended by delegations from Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Mozambique, Egypt and Cameroun.
- I.6 The Session was also attended by the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) which has an Observer Status with AAMA.
- I.7 The Secretary General of the Abuja Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Abuja MoU) was also in attendance.
- I.8 In attendance at the Opening Session were the President AASTMT, Counsels and Members of the Diplomatic Corps in Egypt, Vice Presidents, College Deans and representatives of AASTMT.

Welcome Remarks at the Opening Session

- I.9 The Chairman Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (EAMS) Rear Admiral Khaled Zahran welcomed the delegation of AAMA to its first Executive Session and assured of the cooperation of EAMS and AASTMT in ensuring a successful meeting.
- I.10 His Excellency Prof. Dr. Ismail Abdl Ghafar Ismail, President AASTMT in his speech also welcomed the delegation to Egypt and thanked the AAMA for the opportunity to host the meeting. He explained that AASTMT was established in 1972 with a mission to contribute to the social and economic development of the Arab and African Countries. In wishing AAMA fruitful deliberations at its meeting, he drew attention on the need for collaborative efforts by African States to

ensure that the 2050 AIM Strategy and its plan of action are fully implemented.

I.11 The Vice President of AASTMT, Dr. Alnosy Balbaa expressed the pleasure and delight of the Academy at being given the honour to host the 1st Session of the AAMA Executive Committee and in particular the Observer Status it enjoys in AAMA. He welcomed the delegation to Egypt and the 1st Session of the Executive Committee of AAMA.

I.12 He noted the role that would be played by AAMA in driving a united Africa with focus on the African Blue Economy stating that AASTMT would be ready to collaborate with AAMA considering the roles it plays in providing educational, training, research and consultancy services in the Continent.

I.13 The Chairman of AAMA Dr. Dakuku Peterside commended the Egyptian Government and AASTMT for hosting the 1st Session of AAMA. He recalled the events of the 3rd AAMA Conference held in Nigeria from 19-21 April 2017 and reiterated that the Executive Committee would not relent in its resolve to reposition the Maritime Administrations in developing the African Maritime Industry and optimize the benefits of the blue economy.

I.14 He also recalled the assurance given by the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Mr. Kitack Lim that IMO would support Africa in combating security challenges in its Maritime Domain and continue to partner with Africa in human capacity building.

I.15 He further commended the Heads of Maritime Administrations in the Executive Committee for making out time to attend the 1st Session of the Executive Committee.

(The full text of all the speeches are marked as Annex 1)

Presentation of the Trophy of the AASTMT to the Chairman

1.16 The Vice President AASTMT for African & Asian Affairs Sector presented the Academy's Trophy to the Chairman AAMA which marked the end of the Opening Session.

Adoption of the Agenda

1.17 The Agenda for the Session as adopted by the Committee is set out in Annex 2.

1.18 Summary of deliberations and full resolutions of the Committee with regard to the various agenda items are set out below.

2. THE CHAIRMAN'S OPENING ADDRESS

2.1 The Chairman thanked the delegation for honoring the invitation to the executive meeting. He once more on behalf of the Executive Committee thanked the Egyptian Government and AASTMT for the excellent host of the meeting.

2.2 He pointed out that AAMA was starting on a good note and reaffirmed the collective resolve to drive a coordinated approach in developing the African Maritime Industry.

2.3 He called on Members of the Executive Committee to fully ensure the Commitment of Maritime Administrations in driving African Maritime affairs and called for regular meetings and urgent steps to be taken in addressing the following issues amongst others that will come up in the course of the deliberations:

- Non/Late Payment of IMO dues by African Countries leading to denial of voting rights.
- Underrepresentation of Africa in IMO Council and Secretariat
- Africa's low tonnage and decline in intra continental trade.

2.4 In declaring the meeting open he called on delegates to make meaningful contributions to enable the meeting reach resolutions that would drive AAMA in achieving its goals.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3.1 Report of the Secretary General on Credentials

3.1.1 The Committee noted the report of the Secretary-General (SG) that the credentials of the delegation from seven out of the twelve member countries were in due and proper form thereby forming the quorum for the meeting. The countries were Nigeria, Egypt, South Africa, Ghana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Cameroun (Port of Douala). The SG also noted that in attendance were Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (ASTMT) in its capacity as observer and the Secretary Abuja Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control for West and Central Africa Region (Abuja MoU)
(See attendance sheet marked as Annex 3)

3.1.2 The Secretary General also reported apologies from Comoros, Cape-Verde and Cameroun Maritime Affairs

3.2 Deliberations on Article II of AAMA Constitution.

3.2.1 The Secretary-General reported that a budget estimate for AAMA was yet to be prepared but proposed that in the interim the Secretariat would draw-up its budget to be distributed among the four Administrations that make up the Secretariat. He further reported that in the mean - time the Chairman and the Secretary General have borne the secretariat expenses.

- 3.2.2 The Committee noted the provision of Article 11.1 of the constitution which provides that “*The Secretary-General shall prepare and submit to the Council the budget estimates of the AAMA...*”
- 3.2.3 The delegation from Ghana pointed out the budget expenses should be distributed among Members and not be borne by the officers of AAMA alone.
- 3.2.4 Other delegations from Tanzania, Mozambique and Egypt pointed out that further approval would be sought by them before making commitments on the budget.
- 3.2.5 The Committee noted the comments by Ghana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Egypt.
- 3.2.6 The Secretary-General Abuja MoU took the floor, and congratulated the Committee for the meeting. She requested AAMA to note the existing financial obligations on Members while considering the budget for the affairs of AAMA.
- 3.2.7 The Committee however noted the provisions of Article 11.2 of the constitution which stipulates that “*the General Assembly shall review and approve the budget estimates and shall apportion the expenses among the members in accordance with a scale to be fixed by the General Assembly*”
- 3.2.8 The Committee also considered seeking funding from international organizations such as IMO and African Union.
- 3.2.9 The Committee noted that the focus should however be on how to set-up the scale and parameter that would be used to determine contributions by Members.
- 3.2.10 The Committee therefore resolved that the Secretariat should produce a framework to implement the provisions of Article 11 of the Constitution and develop**

a scale to be used to allocate contributions to Member States.

3.2.11 The Committee further agreed that interim budget estimates for funding of activities of AAMA would be further discussed at the 2nd Session of the Executive Committee meeting before presentation to the General Assembly for adoption.

3.3 Deposition of Instruments of Membership

3.3.1 The SG recalled that at the 3rd AAMA conference it was resolved that African countries should deposit their instruments of membership with the Secretariat domiciled at the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) before the end of January 2018 to complete their membership status.

3.3.2 The SG further reported that notices were duly issued to the African Countries that attended the 3rd AAMA Conference.

3.3.3 The SG also reported that till date only three (3) countries; Ghana, Kenya and South Africa had deposited their instruments of membership with the Secretariat.

3.3.4 The Chairman congratulated the three countries for the proactive steps taken.

3.3.5 The delegate from Ghana called on the Head of Administrations to take full responsibility of ensuring the instruments of membership for their respective countries are duly deposited.

3.3.6 The Committee noted that some Maritime Administrations may be experiencing challenges due to the fact that AAMA was still a young association.

3.3.7 The Committee resolved that to ensure all other Maritime Administrations comply with the directive,

the Secretariat should draft letters and attach to each letter the constitution of AAMA before forwarding to the following:

- **Permanent/Alternate Representatives of Africa Countries in the International Maritime Organization (IMO)**
- **All Maritime Administrations in Africa.**
- **Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Transportation in various Administrations.**

4. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHERS

4.1 Report on the Courtesy visit by the Executive Committee to IMO Secretary General.

- 4.1.1 The Committee considered the report contained in the document on the Courtesy visit by some Members of the Executive Committee presented by the Chairman.
- 4.1.2 The Committee noted that the Chairman was accompanied on the courtesy visit on 27 July 2107 by the SG and Director General, Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA) in company of other representations from the IMO and African Maritime Administrations.
- 4.1.3 The Committee noted that the issues discussed at the meeting centered on the need for African Maritime Administrations to foster an integrated position on maritime issues and secure a Memorandum of Understanding with IMO to aid African Countries in need of technical support, as well as increased African representation in the IMO Council and Secretariat.
- 4.1.4 The Committee noted that the IMO Secretary General Mr. Kitack Lim assured the delegation that he would work with

IMO to channel more technical support to developing countries.

4.1.5 The Committee also noted that during the visit, IMO confirmed its inability to attend the 1st session of AAMA but assured of its full participation at the 4th AAMA conference in Egypt.

4.1.6 The Committee noted the report and expressed its appreciation to the IMO Secretary General and also thanked the delegation for the visit.

4.2 Report on the courtesy visit on the African Maritime Advisory Group.

4.2.1 The Committee also noted that a similar courtesy visit was paid on members of the African Maritime Advisory Group (AMAG) on 26 July 2017.

4.2.2 The Committee noted the following issues of concern deliberated at the meeting:

- Illegal Immigration at Sea
- Issue of Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea
- Structure of the Maritime activities within the African Union
- Enhancing the Use of Global Integrated Shipping Information System(GISIS)
- IMO Council election & Poor representation of Africa in the Council.
- African representation within the IMO Secretariat

4.2.3 The Committee in addressing the issue of illegal migration at sea noted the concern of the delegation that the subject was not fully under the affairs of Maritime Administrations.

4.2.4 **The Committee thereafter resolved to request African Maritime Advisory Group (AMAG) to provide guideline and data on illegal migration to enable AAMA engage**

the **African Union** on the matter. The outcome to be discussed at the 2nd session of **Executive Committee**.

4.2.5 The **Committee** also resolved that in addition to the data from **AMAG** a survey be conducted by **SAMSA** (representing **Southern Africa**), **EAMS** (representing **North Africa**) and **NIMASA/GMA** (representing **West Africa**) and developed into a position paper to be considered at the next session of **EXCO** before presentation to the **General Assembly**.

4.2.6 The **Committee** noted the various **Continental and Regional** initiatives on maritime security in the **Gulf of Guinea** as outlined in the document and the need for the **African Union** to drive the implementation.

4.2.7 The **Committee** also noted the need for a **Maritime Structure** in the **African Union Commission** and resolved to set up a **Committee** to develop a position paper on this issue for deliberation at **EXCO** and presentation to the **General Assembly**.

4.2.8 The **Committee** noted the need for **Maritime Administrations** to take advantage of **IMO's Global Integration Shipping Information System (GISIS)**.

4.2.9 The **Committee** noted that the number of **African Nations** in the **IMO Council** was disproportionate to the size of the continents representation at the global maritime body.

4.2.10 The **Committee** agreed that to address this concern, **Africa** should work towards collective voting of **African states** into the **IMO Council** to increase continental representation.

4.2.11 The **Chairman** expressed concern at the failure of some **Africa Countries** to remit their dues to the **IMO** at the appropriate

time which automatically denies a Country voting rights during elections.

4.2.12 The Committee noted this concern and resolved to urge Member countries yet to do so to pay up their outstanding dues before the council election in November 2017.

4.2.13 The Delegation unanimously expressed concern over the level of participation of African Countries in International Maritime Affairs, stressing that Africa has come of age and should be able to compete favourably and not struggle for representation under category C of IMO Council.

4.2.14 The Committee therefore resolved that ALL MARADS should hold a meeting with AMAG in London early November 2017 before the IMO Council elections to strategize on ensuring collective vote for African Countries.

4.2.15 The Secretariat was directed to immediately issue notices to all Maritime Administrations inviting them to a meeting with AMAG in the early weeks of November prior to the council election in November 2017. The respective Foreign Affairs and Transport Ministries of each MARAD to be notified of the meeting.

4.2.16 The Committee also noted the issue of Africa's under representation in the IMO Secretariat staff composition despite the fact that it has high representation in IMO membership structure.

4.2.17 The Committee noted that to address this concern, African should be adequately trained to compete for positions in the IMO Secretariat.

4.2 Proposed Advocacy Visit to Africa Union (AU) Commission.

4.3.1 The Chairman reported that letters were written in May 2017 and early September 2017 to the Chairman the African Union Commission requesting for a courtesy visit by the Executive Committee but no response had been received.

4.3.2 **The Committee resolved to continue to seek avenues of reaching out to the African Union Commission as a number of issues require to be brought to the attention of the AU.**

4.3.3 **Forwarding of the Report of the 3rd Conference of AAMA to Technical Cooperation Committee of IMO.**

4.3.4 The Committee noted that the report of the 3rd AAMA conference was forwarded to the 67th session of the Technical Cooperation Committee of the IMO on 23rd May 2017.

4.3.5 The Committee also noted that Angola, Republic of Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Comoros, Djibouti, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda responded to the request to support the submission of the report to IMO.

4.3.6 The Delegation unanimously commended the Chairman for the positive steps taken in driving the affairs of the Association since the end of the AAMA Conference.

5. CAPACITY BUILDING

5.1 **Identification of Capacity Building Exercises for Member Nations according to their needs and Continental Capacity Building Initiatives.**

- 5.1.1 The Chairman introduced the document requiring Member Countries to identify capacity development and training program specific to their needs as well as what Africa requires to do as a Continental body to attract training opportunities. He recalled the assurance of the IMO Secretary General that IMO would assist African Countries in Capacity Building.
- 5.1.2 The Delegation unanimously agreed on the importance of capacity building for the African continent and the need for AAMA to approach the IMO for Africa to be given priority while drawing the biennial training budget of its Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC).
- 5.1.3 The delegation from South Africa pointed out that the African Integrated Maritime Strategy (AIMS 2050) outlined a number of issues requiring capacity building to fully develop. He expressed concern on the level of implementation of AIMS 2050 and called on AAMA to drive the implementation process.
- 5.1.4 The Abuja MoU agreed that AAMA was positioned to drive most strategic initiatives. She called on the Committee to approach IMO as a body and request for consideration and inclusion in the biennial budget of the Technical Cooperation Committee.
- 5.1.5 The Delegation agreed that African countries need to play more active roles at the meetings of the TCC and drive towards securing funding for Technical programmes that would build the required capacity in Africa.
- 5.1.6 The delegation from South Africa expressed the need for Maritime Awareness to be created among the younger generation as a spring board for growing involvement of Africans in Maritime Affairs.

5.1.7 Some of the delegations also suggested that capacity building should be directed at stakeholders in the maritime industry and exchange programs/internships encouraged between African Maritime Administrations.

5.1.8 The Observer delegation, AASTMT offered support in the use of its educational and training platform to help in driving the capacity building initiative in Africa.

5.1.9 The Committee agreed that the bodies and organizations identified in the document as capable of capacity building development should not be limited as other bodies exist in the Africa Continent that can assist in capacity building.

5.1.10 Having considered the different views, the Committee resolved as follows:

- **To study the Africa Integration Maritime Strategy (AIMS) 2050 to determine the role of AAMA in its implementation.**
- **To study the current biennial budget of the Technical Cooperation Committee of the IMO to draw up modalities for securing more robust technical cooperation programmes for AAMA.**
- **To solicit the intervention of International Maritime Organizations (IMO) in securing technical cooperation programmes for AAMA.**
- **To approach NIPPON Foundation and similar bodies to offer grants to Africa for training and capacity building.**
- **The Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) Egypt and Regional Maritime Academy Ghana to structure 3-5 days**

training program for Heads of Maritime Administrations and relevant stakeholders.

- **To approach Africa Export-Import Bank (AFREXIM) and Africa Development Bank (AfDB) to subsidize the proposed training by Egypt and Ghana to enable participants bear cost of air fare only.**
- **To encourage exchange programmes and cooperation amongst young officials in various Administrations**

6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

6.1 Confirmation of Hosting Right for 2019 AAMA Conference.

- 6.1.1 The Committee considered the document on confirmation of hosting right for 2019 AAMA conference.
- 6.1.2 The Committee recalled that at the 3rd AAMA Conference it was agreed that Republic of Seychelles and Namibia be given the opportunity to host the 5th AAMA conference in 2019.
- 6.1.3 The Chairman reported that letters were issued in May 2017 to both countries for early of notification of acceptance of hosting right to enable the Committee consider and take appropriate action.
- 6.1.4 The Chairman further reported that the Director-General Republic of Seychelles Maritime Safety Administration, responded stating that steps were being taken to seek approval from the supervising Ministry before confirming the hosting of the 2019 AAMA conference but no response was received from Namibia.
- 6.1.5 The Chairman opened the floor for comments.

6.1.6 The Committee noted the information contained in the document and agreed that the Republic of Seychelles be given up to the next Executive Committee meeting to confirm its preparedness to host the 5th AAMA conference in 2019.

6.1.7 The delegation from Tanzania expressed the interest of the government of Tanzania to host the 2019 conference if the Republic of Seychelles and Namibia fail to confirm their acceptance to host the 5th AAMA Conference.

6.1.8 The Committee noted the indication from Tanzania but resolved to await final confirmation from Republic of Seychelles by the 2nd Session of EXCO and in the absence of firm confirmation, hosting right would be accorded to Tanzania.

Confirmation of dates for 4th AAMA Conference in Egypt

6.1.9 The Committee requested EAMS the host of the 4th AAMA conference in 2018 to confirm the dates for the Conference.

6.1.10 The Delegation from Egypt reported that suitable dates were yet to be confirmed from the Egyptian Government and pleaded for time to confirm the dates.

6.1.11 The Committee resolved that Egypt should within the next 4 (Four) weeks confirm the date for the 4th AAMA conference to enable early notification to the Secretary General IMO and preparation for all Maritime Administrations.

6.1.12 The Committee further resolved that Egypt would make a full presentation to the Executive Committee at its 2nd session highlighting the preparedness to host the 4th AAMA conference in 2018.

Compendium of 3rd AAMA Conference

6.1.13 The Chairman presented a Compendium of the programmes/events of the 3rd AAMA conference and gave copies to the Delegation.

7. MARITIME CELEBRATIONS

7.1 The Chairman introduced the document seeking updates on the following annual Maritime Celebrations:

- African Day of the Seas and Oceans (25 July)
- Day of the Seafarer (25 June)
- World Maritime (28 September)

7.2 The Committee recalled that at the 22nd ordinary assembly of Africa Union (AU) the decade 2015-2025 was declared as the decade of the African Seas and Oceans and 25th July every year specifically set out for the African Day of the Seas and Oceans. The Committee further recalled the MARADS were requested to identify with the AU in marking the event.

7.3 The Chairman noted that some African Countries had marked the event and that Togo and Sierra - Leone went to the headquarters of AU in Addis- Ababa, Ethiopia to celebrate the event but regrettably the African Union did not celebrate the event.

7.4 The Committee expressed concern that the AU did not celebrate the event in 2017 despite initiating the celebration and agreed that the matter be discussed with the AU considering the significance of the event.

7.5 The Delegation from South Africa reported that they celebrated the Day of the Seafarers, African Day of the Seas and Oceans and would celebrate the World Maritime Day.

7.6 The Delegation from Tanzania also reported that they celebrated the Day of the Seafarers, African Day of the Seas and Oceans and was preparing celebration for the World Maritime Day.

- 7.7 The Delegation from Nigeria also reported that the Day of the Seafarers and African Day of the Seas and Oceans were marked while preparations were on to mark the World Maritime Day.
- 7.8 The Delegation from Ghana reported that they celebrated World Ocean day and planning for World Maritime Day but did not celebrate the Day of the Seafarers and African Day of the Seas and Oceans.
- 7.9 The Delegation from Mozambique informed the Committee that they were preparing to celebrate the Day of the Seafarers in all its provinces and would also mark the World Maritime Day.
- 7.10 The Delegation from Egypt informed the Committee that plans were been made to celebrate the Day of the Seafarers and World Maritime Day.
- 7.11 The Delegation from the Port of Douala Cameroun reported that “Port Day” was an annual event that would also be marked.
- 7.12 The Chairman commended all the African countries that observed the Maritime Celebrations, including Port of Douala Cameroun. He encouraged AAMA to continue to drive these celebrations which are avenues of showcasing the efforts of Africa and raising awareness.
- 7.13 **The Committee resolved that AAMA should formally enquire from the African Union Commission why the 2017 African Day of the Seas and Oceans was not celebrated considering the significance.**

7.14 2018 MARITIME AWARDS.

7.14.1 The Chairman in presenting the document recalled the decision at the 3rd AAMA conference to hold an African Maritime Award during the 4th AAMA conference in Egypt.

7.14.2 The Chairman pointed out that award planners such as African Business News (ABN) Group, ARS Conference Services and

Seatrade UBM (UK) Ltd have indicated interest and may be considered in line with other bodies identified by the Committee to drive the event.

7.14.3 The Committee was invited to consider the document on the African Maritime Awards and give further directives.

7.14.4 The Committee noted the significance of the African Maritime Awards and pointed out the need to determine the Criteria for the award.

7.14.5 The Chairman explained that the categories of award and process would be determined in conjunction with the selected award planner.

7.14.6 The Committee noted the need to expand the choice and consider only award planners with Maritime bias. The Committee agreed to choose from the following notable event planners:

- Africa Business News (ABN)
- Safety 4 Sea
- ARS Conference Service
- Green 4 Sea
- Seatrade UBM (UK) Ltd

7.14.7 After considering the competence of the award planners the Committee noted the need to consider a hybrid of two event planners to anchor the Media aspect on one hand and actual award on the other hand.

7.14.8 The Committee thereafter resolved as follows:

- i) African Business News (ABN) to act as Lead Media Partner for the Africa Maritime Awards.**
- ii) Delegation from South Africa and Ghana to immediately draw up criteria for the award to be**

forwarded to one of the following award planners agreed on for their input and feedback after notifying the Chairman:

- **Safety 4 Sea**
- **ARS Conference Service**
- **Seatrade UBM (UK) Ltd**
- **Green 4 Sea.**

8. MARITIME TRADE AND ECONOMY

8.1 African Maritime Administration Performance Review.

8.1.1 The Chairman introduced the document inviting Maritime Administrations to note their primary duties on behalf of government to implement the obligations and responsibilities under the international procedures and practices contained in IMO instruments and other instruments to which they are parties, and to monitor and enforce their compliance.

8.1.2 The Committee noted the contents of IMO Resolution A.912 (22) on Self-Assessment of Flag State Performance, Annex 1 and 2 thereof and the Flag State Performance Self-Assessment Form.

8.1.3 The Committee acknowledged the full benefits of member administrations becoming parties to instruments aimed at promoting maritime safety and prevention of pollution from ships noting the impact on the maritime economy and obligation of Port and Flag States.

8.1.4 The Committee agreed on the need for a framework adapted to Africa's peculiar needs which will also incorporate areas of capacity development.

8.1.5 The Committee noted that the Self-assessment framework to be adopted would serve as a system of Annual Performance Review to be forwarded by all Maritime Administrations to the Executive Committee not later than 2 months preceding an AAMA conference in a given year.

8.1.6 **The Committee resolved as follows:**

- **To adopt a system of Annual Performance Review in line with Annex I to Resolution A. 912 (22) on Self-Assessment of flag state performance (Guidance to Assist Flag State in the Self-Assessment of their performance)**
- **The Secretariat to develop a detailed framework to be adapted to African Country needs and incorporate all areas of possible capacity building that may be required by Individual Maritime Administrations showing the impact of the regulation on the Country's Maritime economy.**
- **The Annual Performance Review to be submitted by all Maritime Administrations 2 months prior to the date of the next AAMA conference in a given year.**
- **AAMA to compile the reports and forward to IMO to help determine areas of possible capacity building assistance for individual administrations.**

8.2. Update on the provision of fiscal incentives by respective governments to attract tonnage.

8.2.1. The Committee noted the document on need for provision of fiscal incentives by respective governments to attract tonnage.

8.2.2. The Committee further noted the need for fiscal and policy measures to support the growth and competitiveness of the domestic shipping industry.

8.2.3. Commenting on the document the delegation from South Africa explained that a comparative study/gap analysis may be conducted in countries with high performing ship registries and maritime industry to find out existing gaps.

8.2.4. The Committee noted that a number of issues militate affect the competitiveness of African Shipping industry.

8.2.5. **The Committee after extensive deliberations on the matter resolved as follows:**

- **AAMA to encourage maritime administrations to develop incentive schemes to attract vessels in their registries and grow tonnage.**
- **SAMSA to develop and circulate a ship tonnage growth strategy to individual countries to share best practices.**
- **Other Administrations to also develop and circulate their ship tonnage growth strategy.**
- **SAMSA to study the continental cabotage regime under the AIMS 2050 to determine how Africa's tonnage can be grown.**
- **SAMSA to develop a form to be circulated to all ship registries in the different MARADS to indicate the size of their tonnage to assist in building a database of ship registries in Africa.**

9. MARITIME GOVERNANCE

9.1. Framework for monitoring and control of fishing activities at the national and regional level.

9.1.1. The Chairman presented the document inviting the Committee to note the need for a frame work for monitoring and control of fishing activities at the national and regional level to promote responsible fishing practice.

9.1.2. The Committee noted that the framework would cover conservation of fisheries resources and other environment, managing fishing capacity and combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in Africa.

9.1.3. The Committee also noted that the framework would include the following areas amongst others:

- Training and capacity building in Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) and fisheries management skills and knowledge at national and regional levels;
- Building institutional and human capacity in data collection, management and analysis.
- Building human and institutional capacity to undertake port inspection of fishing and support vessels.
- Developing skills and expertise in enforcement procedures, legislative requirements and evidentiary needs;
- The delegation from Abuja MoU pointed out the need to also consider the efforts of specialized agencies such as Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in addressing this issue.

9.1.4. **The Committee noted the comments and resolved as follows:**

- **To consider training and capacity building in Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) of fisheries activities.**
- **To collaborate with relevant institutions to build capacity in Monitoring, Control and Surveillance of fisheries management and fishing activities in Africa waters.**
- **To enhance Africa's maritime surveillance for the benefits of shipping management safety and security.**
- **To collaborate with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on enforcement of Port State Control guidelines on shipping activities.**

10. MARITIME EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

10.1. Development of Near-Coastal Trading certification and competency code to foster economic cooperation between AAMA members.

10.1.1 The Chairman presented the document for consideration.

10.1.2 The Committee noted that the International Convention on Standard of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978 sets minimum standards relating to training, certification and watch-keeping for seafarers which Member States are obliged to meet or exceed.

10.1.3 The Committee noted that Regulation 1/3 to 1995 amendment of STCW addressed principles governing Near-Coastal voyages.

10.1.4 The Committee noted the importance of fostering economic cooperation among Members and the need to engage Abuja MoU on Port State Control for West and Central Africa Region and South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) to develop a near-coastal trading, certification and competency code for AAMA.

10.1.5 **The Committee resolved and directed as follows:**

- **The Abuja MoU on Port State Control for West and Central Africa Region and the South Africa Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) to produce a near coastal trading, certification and competency code taking into cognizance existing legislations.**
- **The code is to be forwarded to the Chairman of AAMA and presented during the 2nd session of the Executive Committee for consideration.**

II. MARITIME POLLUTION

11.1. Update on the enhancement of the maritime pollution prevention and control to ensure protection.

11.1.1. The Chairman presented the document for consideration.

11.1.2. The Committee recalled that various international conventions address the problems of marine pollution and obligations on state parties.

11.1.3. The Committee further noted that coastal states are enjoined to enhance marine pollution prevention and control of the critical maritime infrastructure of the population.

11.1.4. The committee noted the measure be taken by coastal states.

11.1.5. The Committee resolved that African Maritime Administration should work closely with their respective parliament and government in ensuring

ratification, domestication and implementation of relevant marine pollution laws.

12. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS/INSTRUMENTS

12.1. Implementation of African Charter on Maritime Security and Development in Africa (2016 Lome Charter)

12.1.1 The Chairman presented the document highlighting areas of discussion on the Lome Charter required to strengthen inter-agency and transitional coordination and cooperation among member countries in the area of maritime crimes and promotion of economic growth in Africa.

12.1.2 The Chairman noted the concern by Members to be given time to fully study the document and requested that it should be stepped down and presented for deliberation at the 2nd session of the next Executive Committee.

12.1.3 The Committee resolved to step down the document till the 2nd session of the next Executive Committee meeting. Secretariat to note and include as document for inclusion in the agenda for next session.

12.2. Update on the ratification, domestication and implementation of international instruments.

12.2.1 The Committee noted that the contents of the documents would be addressed in the maritime regulation country performance review.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1. OBSERVER STATUS OF AFRICAN UNION IN THE IMO

- 13.1.1. The Committee noted that the AU had an observer status in the IMO which had been vacant over the years.
- 13.1.2. The Committee agreed that the issue would be discussed with the AU Chairman during the proposed courtesy visit.

13.2. SECOND SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- 13.2.1. The Chairman reported that Ghana, South Africa, Seychelles and Kenya were notified to indicate interest to host the second session of the Executive Committee meeting of AAMA in February 2018.
- 13.2.2. The Chairman pointed out that the decision to accord hosting right to non - members of the Executive Committee was to encourage participation and interest of other countries in the affairs of the Association.
- 13.2.3. Ghana reported that it was willing to host the next EXCO meeting if none of the non- member countries indicate interest.
- 13.2.4. The Chairman informed the Committee that Kenya had just confirmed its preparedness to host the 2nd session of AAMA Executive Committee meeting in February 2018.
- 13.2.5. **The Committee resolved that Kenya be granted the hosting right of the 2nd session of AAMA Executive Committee meeting scheduled to hold between 4th and 8th February 2018.**
- 13.2.6. **The Secretariat to convey the approval to Kenya Maritime Authority and actions required of a host country.**

13.3. INVITATION TO NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES OF AAMA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE 2 ND SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

13.3.1. The Committee having agreed on the need to encourage participation of other Maritime Administrations in driving the affairs of AAMA resolved that invitation be issued to Republic of Seychelles and Sudan to attend the next Executive committee meeting in February 2018.

13.4. PARTICIPATION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES IN AAMA CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS

13.4.1. The Committee noted the need for member countries of the Executive committee to encourage other countries in their respective regions to actively participate in the activities of AAMA.

13.4.2. On that note, the Committee resolved that Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (EAMS) should reach out to the maritime safety administrations in Morocco, Libya, Tunisia and Sudan to show more interest in Africa Maritime issues and identify the works of AAMA.

13.4.3. The Chairman to formally direct the EAMS accordingly.

13.5. ESTABLISHMENT OF STAND-ALONE MARITIME ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

13.5.1. The Committee noted the need for stand-alone Maritime Administrations to be encouraged in each of the African Countries where non exist to strengthen participation in the

affairs of AAMA and other regional, continental and international bodies.

13.5.2. The Secretary General Abuja MoU recalled that a document had been circulated by IMO in the past urging member countries to create distinct maritime administrations. She agreed to trace and forward a copy of the document to AAMA for necessary action.

14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR 2ND SESSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

14.1. The Chairman directed the Secretariat to ensure Agenda and Concept notes for the 2nd Session are circulated latest by early January 2018 to enable Members prepare adequately for the forthcoming Meeting.

14.2. He further requested the delegations to note action plans required to be handled and ensure early submission of documents to the Secretariat to facilitate its work.

14.3. The Chairman on behalf of the Executive Committee of AAMA once more commended the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) and the Egyptian Government for the successful host of the 1st session of the AAMA Executive Committee meeting.

14.4. He also thanked all the Members of the delegation for the meaningful contributions at the meeting.