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PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
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Agenda item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the thirteenth session of the Sub-Committee to be held at IMO Headquarters,
4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR,
from Monday, 9 February to Friday, 13 February 2026**

Session commences at 09.30 a.m. UTC on Monday, 9 February 2026

Opening of the session

- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential amendments to the IBC Code
- 4 Amendments to MARPOL Annex II in order to improve the effectiveness of cargo tank stripping, tank washing operations and prewash procedures for products with a high melting point and/or high viscosity
- 5 Development of a legally binding framework for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species
- 6 Reduction of the impact on the Arctic of Black Carbon emissions from international shipping
- 7 Evaluation and harmonization of rules and guidance on the discharge of discharge water from EGCS into the aquatic environment, including conditions and areas
- 8 Review and development of NO_x emission requirements in MARPOL Annex VI and the NO_x Technical Code 2008
- 9 Review and amendment of the NTC 2008 to provide a means for certification of engines that operate on non-carbon-containing fuel or mixtures of carbon-containing and non-carbon-containing fuels
- 10 Revision of MARPOL Annex IV and associated guidelines
- 11 Follow-up work emanating from the Action Plan to Address Marine Plastic Litter from Ships
- 12 Revision of the *Revised guidelines and specifications for pollution prevention equipment for machinery space bilges of ships* (resolution MEPC.107(49))

- 13 Review of the IBTS Guidelines and amendments to the IOPP Certificate and Oil Record Book
- 14 Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO environment-related conventions
- 15 Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for PPR 14
- 16 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2027
- 17 Any other business
- 18 Report to the Marine Environment Protection Committee

Notes:

1 In accordance with the document on *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.6):

- .1 documents should be received by the Secretariat as follows:
 - .1 documents (including information documents submitted in hard copy only) containing more than six pages of text^{1, 2} (bulky documents), by **Friday, 7 November 2025 (13-week deadline)**;
 - .2 non-bulky documents including information documents (six pages or fewer) and bulky information documents submitted in electronic format, by **Friday, 5 December 2025 (nine-week deadline)**; and
 - .3 documents commenting on those referred to in sub-paragraphs .1 and .2 above, as well as those commenting on documents forwarded to PPR 13 from the previous session of the Sub-Committee or by the Committees, containing four pages or fewer, by **Friday, 19 December 2025 (seven-week deadline)**. These documents should start with a paragraph clearly indicating the document on which comments are made and stating that the document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.12.5 of the Committees' method of work;
- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, and be as concise as possible, and:
 - .1 all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with section 6 of the Committees' method of work;

¹ Documents other than information documents and reports from sub-committees, working, drafting, correspondence and other working groups and the Secretariat, and which contain more than 20 pages, in line with paragraph 6.11 of the Committees' method of work, will not be translated in their entirety. Such documents should include, for translation purposes, a summary not longer than four pages, with the technical content submitted as an annex in the language needed by working groups (i.e. English).

² As a general rule, documents, other than information documents and reports of committees and subsidiary bodies, working, drafting, correspondence and other reporting groups and the Secretariat, should not contain more than 50 pages. In the case of documents containing more than 50 pages, the provisions of paragraph 6.12.1 of the Committees' method of work are to be applied.

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- .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action that the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
- .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein;
- .3 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:
- font: Arial;
 - font size: 11;
 - justification: full;
 - margins: 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right.

A template is available on the IMODOCS website for use in the preparation of documents.

To facilitate processing, documents should be submitted via the Meeting Document Submission Portal on IMODOCS (Submission Portal) (see Circular Letter No.4662). Should any problems be encountered that prevent submission of a document via the Submission Portal, submitters should contact the Secretariat at team@imo.org and copy ppr@imo.org without delay.

2 The Committees' method of work provides, inter alia, that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Member States or international organizations.

3 In order to improve access to information and increase transparency, submitters of meeting documents are invited to give their consent for their documents to be released to the public prior to the meeting by checking the "opt-in box" at the top right corner of the new document template provided on IMODOCS (pre-session public release). In the absence of explicit consent, submissions will not be released to the public prior to the meeting.