

The 20th Asian Shipowners' Forum

Ship Recycling Committee

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Chairman's Report to the 20th ASF

Mr. Chairman, Honorable Delegates,

The 14th Interim Meeting of the ASF Ship Recycling Committee was hosted by the National Association of Chinese Shipowners and held in Hanoi, Vietnam on 25 March 2011, The Meeting was attended by seventeen delegates from the ASF member associations of China (CSA), Chinese Taipei(NACS), Indonesia(FASA-INSA), Malaysia(FASA-MASA), Vietnam (FASA-VSA), Hong Kong (HKSOA). The ASF Secretary General, Mr. Yuichi Sonoda was also in attendance at the meeting. The Committee Documents and the Joint Statement are attached as Annex for your reference. The Committee highlighted the following issues:

1. The SRC greatly supports the “Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009” and notes that guidelines are being developed by the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) to assist in the Convention's implementation.

The SRC is pleased to note that five countries, France, Netherlands, Italy, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Turkey, have signed the Convention as of March 2011. The SRC encourages the governments of the major ship recycling countries, to consider ratifying the Convention.

2. Since shipowners will have to assume the statutory obligation to produce the Inventory of Hazardous Materials for their existing vessels within 5 years of the entry into force of the Convention, the SRC encourages cooperation between the concerned parties (governments, classification societies, shipbuilders, etc.) for the smooth preparation and development of the Inventory. In this respect, the SRC notes that some classification societies have developed software for the development of the Inventory for new ships, and that the shipbuilding-related associations of Japan, Korea and China are cooperating with each other to produce a common manual for developing the Inventory as well as a common format for Materials Declaration.
3. According to articles in the press, the high court of Bangladesh decided to shut down ship breaking activity last year and new regulations which prevent demolition without a pre-cleaning certificate from exporting countries have been issued. While the Committee fully supports the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships, the SRC notes that there is concern that ship recycling capacity could potentially fall short in the near future.
4. Finally, it was confirmed that Asian shipowners, as major players in the global shipping industry, will continue to discuss ways in which shipowners can promote safer and more environmentally sound ship recycling.

The SRC welcome and accepted the NACS proposal to host the 15th Interim Meeting of SRC in Taipei next March and hope to seeing you there.

Thank you very much for your attention

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