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THE STW WORKING GROUP RELATING
TO THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF
THE STCW CONVENTION AND CODE

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REVIEW OF CHAPTER VI OF THE STCW CONVENTION AND CODE

Training requirements for communications

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SUMMARY

Executive summary:	This document proposes amendments to chapter VI of the STCW Code to address training requirements for effective communication as identified by STW 39
Strategic direction:	5
High-level action:	5.2
Planned output:	5.2.2.1
Action to be taken:	Paragraph 4
Related documents:	STW 39/7/3, STW 39/7/7, STW 39/7/46 and STW 39/WP.4

Introduction

1 The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its eighty-fourth session, approved the Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW) recommendation to convene an *ad hoc* intersessional working group in September 2008 to continue to make progress on the comprehensive review.

2 The Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping, at its thirty-ninth session (3 to 7 March 2008), established a working group on the comprehensive review of chapters I, II, III, VI and VIII. The working group considered the proposals contained in STW 39/7/3 (Australia *et al.*) and agreed that competence requirements relating to communication should be placed under Table A-VI/1-4 under the existing competence “contribute to effective human relationships on board ship.” The working group invited Governments to submit new proposals.

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3 In light of the foregoing, we propose additional competences to be added to table A-VI/1-4 of the STCW Code as set out in the annex.

Action requested of the Group

4 The Group is invited to consider the proposals contained in the annex when reviewing table A-VI/1-4 of the STCW Code.

ANNEX

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE**

Table A-VI/1-4

Specification of minimum standard of competence in personal safety and social responsibilities

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Methods for Demonstrating competence	Criteria for evaluating competence
<p>Understand orders and be understood in relationship to shipboard duties</p> <p>Contribute to effective communications on board ship</p>	<p>Ability to understand orders and to communicate with others in relationship to shipboard duties</p> <p>Ability to establish and maintain effective communications</p> <p>Basic team working principles and practice.</p>	<p>Assessment of evidence obtained from approved instruction or during attendance at an approved course</p>	<p>Communications are clear and effective at all times.</p>
<p>Contribute to effective human relationships on board ship</p>	<p>Importance of maintaining good human and working relationships aboard ship</p> <p>Importance of considering others</p> <p>Basic principles of conflict resolution</p> <p>Social responsibilities; employment conditions; individual rights and obligations; dangers of drug and alcohol abuse</p>	<p>Assessment of evidence obtained from approved instruction or during attendance at an approved course</p>	<p>Expected standards of work and behaviour are observed at all times</p>