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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Services Development Division/Shipping

Note by the secretariat

Paragraph 2 of the recommendations of the second session of the Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors/Shipping, as contained in Annex I to its report (TD/B/CN.4/39), requested the secretariat to carry out a semi-annual review of its activities so as to enhance access to and dissemination of information for promoting transparency.

In response to that request, the secretariat has prepared this note which lists activities accomplished during the second semester of 1994 or under preparation in 1995, in accordance with the work programme.

A. Meetings

1. Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts - seventh session held in Geneva 5-9 December 1994 to consider the possible review of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Seagoing Ships;
2. Third session of the Standing Committee on Services (Shipping) 6-9 June 1995, Geneva; 1/
3. Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts - eighth session on a possible revision of the Convention on Arrest of Seagoing Ships - October 1995, London.

1/ It should be noted that there are four working days only. In order to enable the secretariat to prepare the final report, the formal closing meeting with the adoption of the report of the session, is scheduled for Monday, 12 June 1995.

B. Documentation/Publication

COMPLETED

1. Report of the second session of the Standing Committee on Shipping (TD/B/CN.4/39)
2. Review of maritime transport 1993 (TD/B/CN.4/37 - Sales number E.94.II.D.30)
3. Consideration of the review of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Seagoing Ships (TD/B/CN.4/GE.2/2)
4. Report of the seventh session of the Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts containing draft articles for a possible revision of the Convention on Arrest of Ships (TD/B/CN.4/GE.2/3)
5. Review of activities of the secretariat (TD/B/CN.4/Misc.10)

UNDER PREPARATION

Sessional documents

1. Provisional agenda and organization of work (TD/B/CN.4/45)
2. Fostering competitive multimodal transport services (TD/B/CN.4/46)
3. Technical cooperation and human resource development (TD/B/CN.4/47)
4. Review of progress made on the work programme (TD/B/CN.4/48)

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

1. Facing the challenge of integrated transport services (UNCTAD/SDD/MT/7)
2. Multimodal transport handbook (UNCTAD/SDD/MT/8)
3. Policy reforms in developing countries and countries in transition
4. Ship financing for developing countries
5. Shipper/Ocean carrier relations
6. Legal aspects of ship leasing in developing countries
7. Recent developments in general average
8. Strategic pricing for ports
9. Comparative analysis of privatization, commercialization and decentralization in the field of ports

10. Monograph on port marketing promotion tools (UNCTAD/SHIP/494(12))
11. Monograph on case-studies on strategic port pricing (UNCTAD/SHIP/494(13))
12. Review of maritime transport 1994

C. Information Bulletins

AVAILABLE

1. Multimodal Transport Newsletter No. 6
2. Ports Newsletter (November 1994)

UNDER PREPARATION

1. TRAINMAR Newsletter No. 18 (February 1995)
2. Ports Newsletter (April 1995)
3. Multimodal Transport Newsletter No. 7

D. Training and Educational Programmes

DELIVERIES COMPLETED

1. The following seminars were held in the area of ports:
 - Strategic Planning for Port Managers - July 1994, Malmö
 - New Commercial Role of Ports and Marketing - October 1994, Ghent
 - Container Terminal Management - October 1994, Antwerp.
2. UNCTAD/BIMCO Colloquium on charter parties and ship finance, Santiago, (19-27 October 1994).
3. STRATSHIP (Strategic planning workshop) in Mexico (September), Santiago (October) and New York (October 1994).
4. Multimodal transport workshops have been delivered in Port Moresby (August) and Luanda (November 1994). The secretariat has further enlarged the number of training packages.
5. TRAINMAR regional network meetings have been conducted in North Africa (Casablanca, October), Asia (Colombo, November) and Europe (Valencia, November 1994).
6. Workshop on shipping developments for shipping company managers (Kuwait, October 1994).
7. ILO/UNCTAD technical workshop on port training needs in Asia and the Pacific (Colombo, October 1994).

SCHEDULED DELIVERIES

1. TRAINMAR courses are normally run under the control of individual centres or networks; however, the secretariat will organize the first delivery of a new course on human resource development for management of the maritime sector, in Casablanca (January 1995).
2. The TRAINMAR network has been further expanded to 53 training centres in 48 countries. Regional network meetings will take place in Abidjan, for Western, Central and Southern Africa, and in Montevideo, for Latin America and the Caribbean (both in February 1995).
3. STRATSHIP deliveries will continue. Four deliveries have been scheduled - Macao (January), Lisbon (April), Malmö (June) and Latin America (July 1995).
4. STRATBULK (an extension of Stratship to cover strategic planning in bulk shipping companies) will become operational in first half of 1995.
5. JOBMAR - organization of on-the-job training. Placement of five candidates is presently foreseen for the first half of 1995.
6. UNCTAD/WMU seminars on container terminal management and port equipment management, in Malmö (May 1995).
7. National seminar on charter parties, Mexico (June 1995).
8. UNCTAD/BIMCO Colloquium on charter parties and ship finance, Bangkok (December 1995).

E. Technical Cooperation

As in the past, the shipping segment of the Services Development Division has continued to execute projects in its areas of competence. It is not intended to list here all the relevant projects as there would be an overlap with activities indicated under the training and educational programme.

The secretariat has been involved in technical assistance projects on multimodal transport in the following countries: Pakistan, Mozambique and Colombia. UNCTAD has also jointly executed projects with ESCAP in this region.

Furthermore, the Services Development Division has participated together with other divisions of UNCTAD in the preparation of projects for future technical assistance in Madagascar, Central Asian Republics, India, Pakistan and Viet Nam.

In the area of maritime legislation, assistance has been provided for the development of modernized maritime legislation under the LEGISMAR project in the following countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

With regard to ports, a project on port management rehabilitation of Somali ports has been implemented and will be finalized in May 1995.

In the field of shipping policy, a study was jointly prepared with FAO on possibilities of reducing freight costs for coir fibre exports from India and Sri Lanka.

A report was drafted on implementation of policy reform programmes aiming at opening ship agency activities to private sector interests in the United Republic of Tanzania.

To illustrate the complexity of project execution, it should be noted that TRAINMAR, in its efforts to develop new course material and strengthen the training centre network, has at the same time executed nine separate projects around the world.

The Advance Cargo Information System (ACIS), a project package presently covering major subregions of Africa, will soon also be implemented in Latin America, Asia, the Central Asian Republics and the Caribbean.

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