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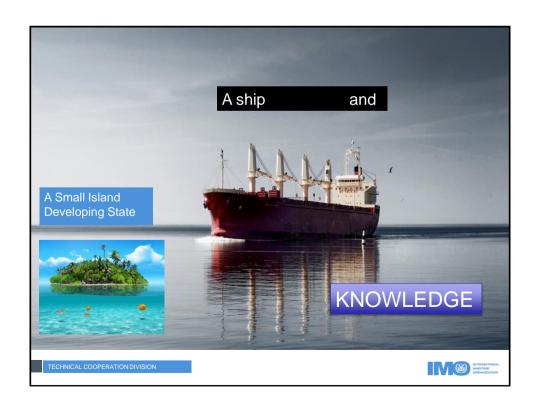
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IMO

What it is? How it works? What it does?

- IMO is a specialised UN agency;
- With headquarters in the UK;
- In operation since 1958;
- Annual budget £30+ million;

• Secretariat – 300 staff, more than 50 nationalities.



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How does IMO work with SIDS?

- IMO Assembly Resolution A.1060(28), on the Organization's Strategic Plan for the period 2014 to 2019, contains a strategic direction on SIDS and LDCs;
- IMO's technical cooperation programme began in the 1960's. During the late 1990's, IMO's Technical Cooperation Committee comprehensively reformed the technical co-operation work of the Organization in order to increase its effectiveness; and
- The 62nd, 63rd and 64th sessions of the Committee discussed the new country maritime profiles for technical co-operation needs of each developing country with particular attention to SIDS.



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How important is it to develop the maritime sector of SIDS?



- Coordinated and integrated approach to maritime policy at both national and international levels are required;
- The issue of sustainable livelihood and poverty alleviation in SIDS addressed through capacity-building activities in the shipping sector.

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How can the IMO help SIDS towards the sustainable exploitation of marine resources?

- Ships and seafaring are fundamental SIDS traditions and especially fishing;
- The maritime sector in SIDS plays an important role in addressing poverty issue.





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Achievements of the IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP)

- 1. Preparation of model maritime legislation which SIDS can adapt to their circumstances;
- 2. Establishment and upgrading of national maritime administrations:
- 3. Development of national and regional maritime training academies; and
- 4. development of national and regional contingency plans and related training courses for marine pollution preparedness and response in partnership with governments and the oil industry at national, regional and international level.

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