Seventh meeting of the Global Record Informal Open-Ended Technical and Advisory Working Group (GRWG7)

Panama City, Panama, 19 March 2024

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. States are encouraged to submit and update information on their vessels in the Global Record, especially considering the developments in information sharing on port State measures through the PSMA Global Information Exchange System (GIES) which requires reliable information on the identity of vessels.

2. Whilst considering the importance of reporting the information on vessel type using the ISSCFV codification, the Secretariat should introduce intermediate options for those cases where vessel type is not communicated using the ISSCFV codification to categorise vessels in other ways, reflecting the three broad groups of the Global Record (fishing vessels, refrigerated transport vessels and supply vessels) as a minimum.

3. the Secretariat to conduct Studies on the feasibility and implications of obtaining and sharing ultimate beneficiary ownership information. In order to address data privacy concerns, and without prejudice for a decision to be taken on the possible inclusion of beneficial ownership information, it is recommended that a restricted access area of the Global Record, only accessible to the flag States in the Global Record and to the flag and port States in the GIES when the vessel requests entry into port, be created to host ownership related information including, owner, operator and beneficial owner, recognizing the importance of these pieces of information for due diligence processes under flag, coastal, port and market State responsibilities.

4. Subject to availability of financial support, the Secretariat should initiate the assessment of the feasibility, technical modalities, and benefits of inclusion and development of a crew module to be included in the Global Record in consultation with the Secretariats of IMO and ILO, to be considered, at a GRWG meeting.

5. To reintroduce a deep hyperlink to the IMO’s GISIS system for accessing additional relevant information contained in that system.

6. The Secretariat will delete the Global Record field on information on the number of infringements for a vessel in the activity overview section, considering that this field is useless in the case States do not provide this information, and in case this information is provided, this could lead to misinterpretation.

7. The Secretariat should continue to provide technical assistance for the use and implementation of the Global Record to developing States, including to small island developing States, and to expand to other beneficiary States requesting assistance, through increased collaboration with additional potential donors.

8. Global Record National Focal Points for vessel registration shall resolve any discrepancies detected in the Global Record resulting from the use of GIES in the shortest delay.