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Joint Statement

Adopted

The 22nd Interim Meeting of the ASA Ship Recycling Committee, presided over by Mr. Ron Huang, Chairman of the ASA SRC, was held in Taipei on 15 March 2019, and attended by delegates from ASA Secretariat and member associations, CSA, FASA-Malaysia and Vietnam, HKSOA, JSA, KSA and NACS as per the attached list. The SRC members are firmly committed to ensuring full compliance with all applicable competition laws throughout the entire program.

Hong Kong Convention (HKC)

On the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Hong Kong Convention (HKC), the ASA SRC reaffirmed that prompt enactment of the HKC is a crucial top priority and agreed to proceed with appropriate actions, especially motivating major ship recycling countries to ratify the HKC. The ASA SRC recognizes and acknowledges that the key to early enactment is prompt and positive action by all parties by strengthening the priority usage of HKC-certified yards and those pending certification, and the insertion of a sales clause to use the HKC compliant green recycling yards. The ASA SRC also noted that proper yard selection could motivate yards to justify upgrading.



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Ø **Need for enough the HKC compliant green recycling yards globally**

Shipping is an international industry and needs geographically-balance the HKC compliant green recycling yards globally. A geographically-balanced global distribution of the HKC compliant recycling yards will result in better environmental protection as it will be more operationally efficient in terms of vessel mobilization. Geographically-balanced ship recycling can only be achieved by international regulation. The HKC is the only internationally recognized instrument that can achieve this objective.

Ø **Need to upgrade recycling facilities in accordance with global standards**

There have been significant improvements in recycling facilities around the world. For the further improvement and upgrading of yards globally to certified standards (i.e. HKC), the ASA SRC believes that a global rule is more appropriate and suitable than a regional rule.

Ø **Recognition of steady progress towards early enactment of the HKC**

The ASA SRC welcomes the recent series of ratification by several countries. It also notes that a number of other countries are in the process of ratification and this will help to expedite the early enactment of the HKC. Turkey, one of the five major ship recycling countries in the world, ratified the HKC on 31 January and the Netherlands followed on 20 February. Recently it was also announced that Germany and Estonia have both secured their accession to the HKC through their parliaments. In addition, Japan's accession is expected by the end of March and India is expected to move for ratification soon after its general election. The ASA SRC urges both India and China to ratify the HKC in the near future, and it is our strong desire that each shipping association recognize and actively promote earliest possible ratification by both India and China as they are key to meeting all three of the basic conditions for final enactment of the HKC.



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Shipowners' Responsibility

The ASA SRC members firmly believe that prompt enactment of the HKC will also serve towards achieving ASA's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Ø Inventory of Hazardous Material (IHM) list on board

After entry into force of the EU ship recycling regulation (EU SRR), the IHM list has attracted more attention throughout the world and the ASA SRC encourages preparation of the IHM List onboard as standard shipboard practice.

EU Regulation and EU List

The ASA SRC has always maintained that regional rules and regulations are not appropriate for global shipping. However, as the EU SRR has already entered into force, the ASA SRC will continue to monitor closely these developments. The ASA SRC is concerned that no Asian yards have been included at this stage. The ASA SRC supports ECSA's announcement for the inclusion of other Asian yards to the EU list.
