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From left to right: Engr. Kristine Carol S. Ramos (BWC), Mr. Jomel P. Cruzado (ILAB)

**DOLE Participates in the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labor Convention**

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting (Part II) of the ILO's Special Tripartite Committee (STC) for the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) was held as a hybrid meeting in Geneva from 5 to 13 May.

Cognizance of the need to create a single, coherent instrument embodying as far as possible all up-to-date standards of existing international maritime labour Conventions and Recommendations, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) participated in the second part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the STC of the MLC on May 5 to 13, 2022. The meeting was convened at Geneva, Switzerland. The Philippines was represented by Engr. Kristine Carol S. Ramos from the Bureau of Working Conditions (BWC) and Mr. Jomel P. Cruzado from the International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB).

The Committee addressed a wide range of issues related to seafarers such as recruitment, repatriation, welfare and medical care, and adopted eight amendments to the Code of the MLC, 2006.

The ILO received a total of 12 proposals for amendments to the code from the Seafarers' and Shipowners' groups and a number of Member States/Governments. After a thorough discussion of the proposals, the STC, in majority favorably agreed with eight (8) of the submitted proposals; two (2) were withdrawn; and the remaining two (2) were deferred for discussion on the STC.

Further, three resolutions were likewise adopted by the Committee as follows: 1) Resolution on contractual redress for seafarers; 2) Resolution on financial security; and 3) Resolution on harassment and bullying, including sexual assault and sexual harassment, in the maritime sector

Detailed report and other materials as to the proceedings of the STC may be accessed through the ILO website. [https://www.ilo.org/global/standards/maritime-labour-convention/events/WCMS\\_778090/lang--en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/global/standards/maritime-labour-convention/events/WCMS_778090/lang--en/index.htm)

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