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STATEMENT BY JAPAN TO PWG – ROUND 3

(submitted by Japan)

Japan would like to submit its comment on the tentative items to be discussed in the IMM throughout 2021 (PWG_422_APPENDIX_1).

Japan will submit to the meeting a discussion paper regarding risk analysis on transshipment activities both at sea and in port.

In this perspective, we would like to propose to establish an independent agenda item “Transshipment at sea and in port”, instead of “Transshipment” as a sub-topic under 5.2 b) Regional Observer Program because the paper contains elements other than observer programs such as port State measures and high seas boarding and inspection. We consider that the placement of this new item should be after 5.1, but will follow the decision of the Chair as long as it remains a separate item.