

**15<sup>th</sup> CHRIS MEETING  
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**PROPOSAL TO DISBAND TAWG  
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Proposal: To disband the Technology Assessment Working Group and transfer the Data Protection Scheme AG to TSMAD.

Summary. The TAWG has been in existence for 5 years. The resignation of the current TAWG Chairman presents an open opportunity to discuss whether or not the TAWG should continue as before, be discontinued or be driven in a new direction.

<i>Executive summary:</i>	The proposal calls for disbanding the Technology Assessment Working Group and the transfer of the Data Protection Scheme AG from the TAWG umbrella to the TSMAD. There are no financial implications for the shipping industry or for the IHO budget.
<i>Actions to be taken:</i>	Discussion on the merits of continuing or disbanding the TAWG
<i>Related documents:</i>	IHO S-63, TAWG Report to CHRIS 15

Introduction / Scope. Since its inception TAWG has concentrated on emerging technologies of interest. Two surveys on emerging technologies were conducted indicating what technologies were of interest and some were subsequently assigned Working or Interest Groups to investigate depending upon priority and interest shown by CHRIS.

Analysis/Discussion. The resignation of the current TAWG Chairman presents an open opportunity to discuss whether or not the TAWG should continue as before, be discontinued or be driven in a new direction. This proposal suggests discontinuing TAWG.

Benefits. The major task assigned to TAWG that CHRIS members engaged with concerned data security. Other topics suggested were met with lukewarm response suggesting muted interest. Given the fact that all CHRIS members are fully engaged in senior positions in their own HO's, there is little merit in pursuing topics of moderate interests. CHRIS needs to be focussed on topics of importance and urgency.

Working Groups. The Data Protection Scheme AG needs a standing committee home and TSMAD is suggested as the most appropriate.

Priority.

Target completion date. CHRIS 15 to decide

Action Required. Sufficient discussion at CHRIS 15 to decide on future fate of TAWG.