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GENERAL

The twenty-sixth extraordinary session of the Council was held on 17 and 18 November 2011, under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Lantz (United States). The Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. Ntuli (South Africa), was also present. All 40 Members of the Council attended the session.

Reference document: C/ES.26/SR.1

INVITATION TO NON-MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE SESSION

Angola, Barbados, Belize, the Comoros, the Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Kuwait, Liberia, the Marshall Islands, Morocco, Palau, Peru, Poland, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tonga, Ukraine, Uruguay, Vanuatu and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela attended the session as observers. Hong Kong, China (Associate Member) also attended the session as an observer.

Reference document: C/ES.26/SR.1

1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (agenda item 1)

1.1 The Council adopted the agenda and proposed timetable, as contained in document C/ES.26/1/Rev.1; and noted the annotations to the agenda contained in document C/ES.26/1/1.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/1/Rev.1; C/ES.26/1/1; C/ES.26/SR.1

2 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON CREDENTIALS (agenda item 2)

2.1 With reference to rule 9 of its Rules of Procedure, the Council noted the Secretary-General's report that the credentials of all delegations attending the session were found to be in order.]

Reference documents: C/ES.26/2; C/ES.26/SR.1 and SR.2

3 STRATEGY AND PLANNING (agenda item 3)

- 3.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/3, and that provided orally by the Chairman of the Working Group, and the Secretary-General, on the outcome of the twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Organization's Strategic Plan (3 to 7 October 2011).
- 3.2 In particular, the Council:
 - (i) noted the progress made regarding the implementation of the Guidelines on the Application of the Strategic Plan (GAP) contained in resolution A.1013(26);
 - (ii) noted the Working Group's discussion on organizational performance measured against the planned outputs for 2010-2011 and the Organization's Performance Indicators (PIs) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs);

- (iii) requested all IMO organs to observe the objectives of the GAP;
- (iv) endorsed the Working Group's conclusion that continued or increased emphasis should be given by all IMO organs to the key areas of work requiring further attention by the Organization, as set out in annex 1;
- (v) approved the updated Strategic Plan for the Organization (for the six-year period 2012 to 2017), together with the associated draft Assembly resolution, and decided to forward them to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly for adoption;
- (vi) approved the updated High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2012-2013 biennium, as amended, together with the associated draft Assembly resolution, and decided to forward them to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly for adoption;
- (vii) endorsed, in the context of the High-level Action Plan, the Working Group's recommendation that a number of planned outputs be reviewed by the relevant organs at the first opportunity in the next biennium to ensure compliance with the GAP;
- (viii) noted the Working Group's consideration of its future role regarding the alignment of the planning and budgeting cycles and decided to retain the words "Ad Hoc" in the Working Group's title; and
- (ix) noted the Working Group's deliberations on the review of existing and future administrative burdens and, in particular:
 - approved the draft Assembly resolution on the Periodic Review of Administrative Requirements in Mandatory IMO Instruments, as amended, and decided to forward it to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly for adoption:
 - agreed, at its 108th session, to develop the terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Steering Group for Reducing Administrative Requirements;
 - expressed appreciation to the Government of Denmark for the generous offer to finance the creation of an inventory of administrative requirements;
 - agreed, in accordance with operative paragraph 4 of resolution A.1013(26), to incorporate within the GAP, and with immediate effect, the checklist for identifying administrative requirements and burdens in the future; and requested the Committees to update the Guidelines on the organization and method of their work accordingly; and Member States to observe the provisions of the GAP.

- 3.3 The Council also noted:
- (i) the Working Group's considerations regarding the application of risk management techniques in a context broader than "corporate governance"; and decided to revisit this issue at a future session:
- (ii) the progress made on the implementation of proposals on electronic working previously submitted by the Bahamas to its 106th session; and agreed that the display of alphanumeric references on the electronic message boards is not taken further at this time;
- (iii) the Working Group's deliberations on the current working arrangements for interpreters at IMO meetings; and, in particular, approved the Working Group's recommendations in paragraph 28.2 of the document, taking into account the advice of the Secretary-General that changes to the Sub-Committee's structure should only be made upon the expert advice of the Committees: and
- (iv) decided that, if pre-registrations for a meeting indicated that it would be possible to host that meeting in Committee Room 9 or 10, the Secretariat should plan this accordingly.
- 3.4 The Council approved the Working Group's report in general and thanked its Chairman, Mr. D. Ntuli (South Africa), the members of the Group and the Secretariat, for the significant amount of work done at the Group's twelfth session.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/3; C/ES.26/6; C 106/D; C 106/4/2; C 104/D; C 104/3; resolutions A.1011(26), A.1012(26), A.1013(26); C/ES.26/SR.1

4 ORGANIZATIONAL REFORMS (agenda item 4)

4.1 The Council noted and welcomed the information set out in document C/ES.26/4, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on developments relating to the Organization's early adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

Reference documents: C/ES.26/4; C 106/4; C/ES.26/SR.1

5 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (agenda item 5)

- (a) Human resource matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules (agenda item 5(a))
- 5(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in the documentation, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on human resource matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.
- 5(a).2 With regard to document C/ES.26/5(a) and its addendum, reporting, respectively, on the annual deliberations of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for the year 2011; and the interim adjustment, as at 1 October 2011, to the salary scale for staff in the General Service category, the Council noted the information provided.

- 5(a).3 With regard to document C/ES.26/5(a)/1, responding to the Council's request for clarification on the proposals for the engagement of Associate Professional Officers (APOs) and Gratis Personnel, the Council endorsed the proposal contained in paragraph 4, regarding the recovery of support costs.
- 5(a).4 With regard to document C/ES.26/5(a)/2, reporting on Senior appointments; the recruitment of women; the geographical and age distribution of staff; and staff development and training as at 31 October 2011, the Council noted the information provided.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/5(a) and Add.1; C/ES.26/5(a)/1; C/ES.26/5(a)/2; C/ES.26/5(d); C 106/5(a)/2; C 106/5(a)/3; C/ES.26/SR.1

- (b) Report on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention (agenda item 5(b))
- 5(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/5(b) and its addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 the IMO Convention.
- 5(b).2 The Council commended the Secretary-General for his continuing strenuous efforts to improve the Organization's financial position, and, in particular:
 - (i) urged all Member States to fulfil their financial obligations;
 - (ii) reiterated its firm stance on the strict enforcement of Article 61 of the IMO Convention;
 - (iii) recommended that the Assembly, at its twenty-seventh regular session, adopt the draft resolution, as amended, annexed to document C/ES.26/5(b)/Add.1, as an expression of the importance of timely contributions and the risks from the late payment of contributions; and
 - (iv) welcomed the payments made by those Member States, which were not granted a waiver at the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/5(b) and Add.1; C 106/5(d) and addenda; A 27/16(a) and addenda; C/ES.26/SR.1

- (c) Consideration of requests by Members, if any, for waiver of the application of Article 61 of the IMO Convention (agenda item 5(c))
- 5(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/5(c), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General on the status of Member States' contribution as well as the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention and considered a request by Sierra Leone for waiver of the application of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.
- 5(c).2 Having considered the information provided, the Council recommended to the Assembly to waive the application of Article 61 of the IMO Convention for the Republic of Sierra Leone, but not to do so for the Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, the Republic of Malawi, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Democratic Republic of

Sao Tome and Principe, the Somali Republic and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. However, the Council encouraged the Republic of Guinea to pay the small amount outstanding for 2010 in the early part of the Assembly so that it could regain the right to vote.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/5(c) and Add.1; C/ES.26/5(b) and Add.1; C/ES.25/5(c); C/ES.26/SR.2

(d) Budget considerations for 2011 (agenda item 5(d))

- 5(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/5(d), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on budget considerations for 2011.
- 5(d).2 In particular, the Council noted:
 - (i) the external pay and price factors review;
 - (ii) the forecast outturn of regular budget expenditure for 2011, assessed to be kept within the approved appropriation for 2011;
 - (iii) the expected revenue and expenditure in the Trading Fund; and
 - (iv) the expenditure status of the Headquarters Capital Fund; the Termination Benefit Fund; the Training and Development Fund; the Technical Co-operation Fund; and extra-budgetary programmes.
- 5(d).3 The Council welcomed the containment of expenditure within the 2011 appropriation and authorized the Secretary-General to make, as and when necessary, timely transfers between Strategic Results to the extent that balances are available to cover or reduce deficits in Strategic Results appropriation balances, in accordance with the Organization's Financial Regulations and Financial Rules; and further noted the planned transfers in the Technical Co-operation Fund.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/5(d); C 106/5(e); resolution A.1014(26); C/ES.26/SR.2

6 RESULTS-BASED BUDGET FOR 2012-2013 (agenda item 6)

- 6.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/6 and its addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on developments since its last regular session with regard to the results-based budget for the 2012-2013 biennium.
- 6.2 Following an extensive discussion, the Council decided, on the basis of the majority of those who spoke, to support the Secretary-General's revised budget proposals, as set out in document C/ES.26/6 and its addendum and recommended their adoption by the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly.
- 6.3 Accordingly, the Council:
 - endorsed the budgetary assumption indicators, in particular, the budgetary exchange rate of pounds sterling against US dollars of 1.65 for the next biennium, as shown in table 1; agreed to use the Working Capital Fund as an exchange reserve fund, as reflected in section B of the draft Assembly resolution attached at annex 1 to document C/ES.26/6; and noted the amount of £33,760k (equivalent to US\$55,704k at the agreed rate of

- exchange), ring-fenced under that exchange rate, as shown in annex 2 to document C/ES.26/6/Add.1;
- (ii) approved the proposed appropriation in the regular budget for the 2012-2013 biennium of £62,206k, comprising an appropriation of £30,520k for 2012 and an appropriation of £31,686k for 2013, as presented in annexes 2 and 3 to document C/ES.26/6/Add.1;
- (iii) agreed to the financing of the biennial appropriation by assessments upon Member States of £59,177k (£29,007k for 2012 and £30,170k for 2013), taking into account changes, in particular in the support costs charging policy, and resultant offsetting income estimates of £1,513k for 2012 and £1,516k for 2013, as shown in annex 2 to document C/ES.26/6/Add.1;
- (iv) agreed to a total number of meeting weeks of 36, comprising 17.6 meeting weeks for 2012 and 18.4 meeting weeks for 2013, as shown in annex 1 to document C/ES.26/6/Add.1;
- (v) endorsed the Organization's complement for 2012-2013, as listed in appendix 3 of annex 1 to document C/ES.26/6;
- (vi) approved the proposed expenditure budget in the Trading Fund of £12,363k (£6,168k for 2012 and £6,195k for 2013) with a corresponding target revenue of £21,984k (£11,457k for 2012 and £10,527k for 2013), as shown in table 1 at appendix 4 of annex 1; and the changes in the formula for the distribution of the Trading Fund surplus, as reflected in section C of the draft Assembly resolution shown in annex 1 to document C/ES.26/6;
- (vii) approved the proposed budget in the Headquarters Capital Fund of £2,312k (£1,118k for 2012 and £1,194k for 2013), as shown in table 2 at appendix 4 of annex 1 to document C/ES.26/6;
- (viii) approved the proposed budget in the Termination Benefit Fund of £1,776k (£796k for 2012 and £980k for 2013), as shown in table 3 at appendix 4 of annex 1 to document C/ES.26/6;
- (ix) approved the proposed budget in the Training and Development Fund of £281k (£138k for 2012 and £143k for 2013), as shown in table 4 at appendix 4 of annex 1 to document C/ES.26/6;
- (x) approved the proposed budget in the Technical Co-operation Fund of £9,939k (£5,294k for 2012 and £4,645k for 2013), as shown in table 5 at appendix 4 of annex 1 to document C/ES.26/6; and noted that section G of the draft Assembly resolution, attached as annex 1 to document C/ES/26/6, reflected the decision of C 106 that 5% of the "not less than 80%" of the Trading Fund in-year surplus (which is to be allocated to the Technical Co-operation Fund) is ring-fenced to support the finances of the World Maritime University until the Council recommends other measures for the sustainable funding for the University; and

(xi) recommended to the Assembly, the approval of the above-mentioned proposals, which would be reflected in the draft Assembly resolution at annex 1 to document C/ES.26/6, as amended in document C/ES.26/6/Add.1.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/6 and Add.1; C/ES.26/5(d); C 106/D; C 106/5(e); C 106/7;

resolutions A.1011(26), A.1012(26) and A.1014(26); C/ES.26/SR.2

and SR.3

7 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (agenda item 7)

- 7.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/7, and that provided orally by the Chairman of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Secretary-General, on the report of the Committee's sixty-second session (11 to 15 July 2011).
- 7.2 In particular, the Council noted:
 - (i) the adoption of amendments to MARPOL Annexes IV, V and VI;
 - (ii) the decisions taken, and work carried out, concerning the implementation of the BWM Convention, including the granting of Basic Approval to seven, and Final Approval to two, ballast water management systems that make use of Active Substances:
 - (iii) the decisions taken, and work carried out, concerning the implementation of the Hong Kong Convention, including adoption and development of associated guidelines;
 - (iv) the progress made, and decisions taken, concerning prevention of air pollution and reduction of GHG emissions from ships, including approval of draft amendments to the NO_x Technical Code 2008; adoption of guidelines under MARPOL Annex VI; and development of guidelines related to the EEDI and the SEEMP;
 - (v) the decisions taken on, and the adoption of, amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, for inclusion therein of regulations on energy efficiency for ships;
 - (vi) the decisions taken concerning draft amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV, V and VI, for circulation with a view to adoption at MEPC 63;
 - (vii) the action taken concerning implementation of the OPRC Convention, the OPRC-HNS Protocol and relevant Conference resolutions;
 - (viii) the action taken concerning designation or approval, in principle, of PSSAs;
 - (ix) the action taken concerning the reports of sub-committees and work of other bodies and, in particular, the approval of three Assembly resolutions for submission to the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly for adoption;
 - (x) the action taken concerning the environmental risk evaluation criteria for inclusion in the FSA Guidelines;

- (xi) the approval by the Committee of two new planned outputs in the 2012-2013 biennial agendas for the DE and DSC Sub-Committees;
- (xii) the status of planned outputs relating to the work of the Committee for the 2010-2011 biennium; and
- (xiii) the Committee's proposals for the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2012-2013 biennium.
- 7.3 The Council approved the intersessional meetings for working/technical groups in 2012.
- 7.4 The Council also approved the report of the sixty-second session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and decided to transmit it, together with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/7; MEPC.62/24 and Add.1; C/ES.26/SR.3 and SR.4

8 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 8)

- 8.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/8, and that provided orally by the Chairman of the Facilitation Committee and the Secretary-General, on the report of the Committee's thirty-seventh session (5 to 9 September 2011).
- 8.2 The Council also noted the Committee's decision to meet, in the future, every 18 months (subject to review), starting from FAL 38, which could be scheduled for January 2013; and approved one meeting-week for the Committee in the biennium 2012-2013.
- 8.3 The Council approved the proposals for the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2012-2013 biennium for the FAL Committee.
- 8.4 In particular, the Council noted:
 - (i) the issuance of FAL.3/Circ.202 on an Explanatory Manual to the FAL Convention;
 - (ii) the progress made in the comprehensive revision of the FAL Convention;
 - (iii) the issuance of FAL.5/Circ.35 on the Revised IMO Compendium on Facilitation and Electronic Business;
 - (iv) the issuance of FAL.5/Circ.36 on Guidelines for setting up the Single Window system in maritime transport;
 - (v) the adoption of resolution FAL.11(37) on Revised guidelines on the prevention of access by stowaways and the allocation of responsibilities to seek the successful resolution of stowaway cases;
 - (vi) the reminder issued to Member States concerning their obligations to implement fully the provisions of SOLAS chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code and, in particular, the requirement for flag States to assess, on a continuous basis, all threats to ships entitled to fly their flag; to set the security level

- accordingly; and to ensure that ships implement fully the security procedures appropriate to the security level as detailed in the ship security plan;
- (vii) the progress made with regard to the acceptance of electronic access to, or electronic versions of, certificates and documents required to be carried on ships:
- (viii) the approval of MSC-FAL.1/Circ.2 on a Questionnaire on information on port and coastal State requirements related to privately contracted armed security personnel on board ships;
- (ix) the Committee's decision to develop voluntary guidelines or recommendations for use by countries towards enhancing the resilience of maritime shipping within the global supply chain system in the event of large-scale system disruptions, in coordination with the WCO;
- (x) the action taken by the Committee on issues relating to the delivery of technical assistance in the field of facilitation of international maritime traffic; and
- (xi) the status of the planned outputs and post-biennial outputs of the FAL Committee.
- 8.4 The Council approved the report of the thirty-seventh session of the Facilitation Committee and decided to transmit it, together with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/8; FAL 37/17; C/ES.26/SR.4

- 9 REPORT ON THE 33rd CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE LONDON CONVENTION, 1972 AND THE 6th MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE 1996 PROTOCOL TO THE LONDON CONVENTION (agenda item 9)
- 9.1 The Council agreed not to consider this item this time due to time constraints.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/9; LC 33/15; LC 33/WP.1 and Add.1; A 27/15; C/ES.26/SR.4

10 PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES (agenda item 10)

- 10.1 The Council noted the information set out in the documentation, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on recent developments concerning actions taken to repress piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden.
- 10.2 The Council unreservedly condemned and deplored all acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships, irrespective of where such acts had occurred, or may occur.
- 10.3 The Council appealed to all parties which may be able to assist, to take prompt and effective action to ensure that:
 - (i) all acts or attempted acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships are terminated forthwith and any plans for committing such acts are abandoned; and

- (ii) any hijacked ships are immediately and unconditionally released and that no harm is caused to seafarers serving on them.
- 10.4 With regard to recent developments concerning the implementation of the Action Plan to orchestrate an effective response to the piracy threat off the coast of Somalia; and on the status and implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct, set out in document C/ES.26/10 and its addendum, the Council expressed appreciation for the continued efforts exerted by the Organization in dealing with the issue.
- 10.5 The Council approved the draft resolution on "Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia" contained in the annex to document C/ES.26/10/1, as amended, inter alia, deleting the text in square brackets in operative paragraph 7(k) and decided to submit it to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly for adoption.
- 10.5 The Council approved the draft resolution on "Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia" contained in the annex to document C/ES.26/10/1 [as amended] and decided to submit it to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly for adoption.

10.6 The Council also:

- (i) thanked France, Japan, the Marshall Islands, the Netherlands, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia for their financial contributions to the IMO Djibouti Code of Conduct Trust Fund;
- (ii) urged Member States and the shipping industry to consider making either financial contributions to the aforementioned Trust Fund, or providing in-kind support to the efforts of IMO in relation to the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden: and
- (iii) expressed appreciation to all Governments, which support, by naval vessels, military aircraft and other means, the anti-piracy campaign off the coast of Somalia; and to all those, who have, thus far, rendered assistance to, or responded to, calls from, ships under attack in waters off the coast of Somalia, and encouraged them to continue to do so.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/10 and Add.1; C/ES.26/10/1; C 106/D, section 12; C/ES.26/10/1; C 106/12/1 and Add.1; resolution A.1026(26); C/ES.26/SR.4

11 REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE ASSEMBLY ON THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION SINCE THE TWENTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY (agenda item 11)

- 11.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/11, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, regarding the report of the Council to the Assembly on the work of the Organization since the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly, updated to incorporate developments since the Council's 106th regular session.
- 11.2 The Council approved the report for submission to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly.

11.3 The Council also noted that, in future, the Secretariat would consider the structure of the report to ensure compliance with the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Council regarding translation.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/11; A 27/6; C 106/D; C 106/15(c); Council Summaries of Decisions and Committee reports; C/ES.26/SR.4

12 EXTERNAL RELATIONS (agenda item 12)

- (a) Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies (agenda item 12(a))
- 12(a).1 The Council agreed not to consider this item this time due to time constraints.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/12(a); C/ES.26/SR.4

- (b) Relations with intergovernmental organizations (agenda item 12(b))
- 12(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/12(b), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on relations with intergovernmental organizations.
- 12(b).2 The Council approved the draft Agreement of Co-operation, between IMO and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), for submission to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly for approval.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/12(b); C/ES.26/SR.4

- (c) Relations with non-governmental organizations (agenda item 12(c))
- 12(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/12(c), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on relations with non-governmental organizations, in particular, the review of organizations in consultative status with IMO.
- 12(c).2 With regard to the International Road Transport Union (IRU), the Council decided to retain its consultative status.
- 12(c).3 With regard to the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (OGP), the Council decided to retain its consultative status, at the same time requesting the Secretariat to remind the OGP of its obligations to be a full and active participant in the work of IMO.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/12(c); C 106/D; C 106/16(c)/1 and Corr.1; C/ES.26/SR.4

- (d) Report on World Maritime Day 2011 (agenda item 12(d))
- 12(d).1 The Council agreed not to consider this item this time due to time constraints.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/12(d); C/ES.26/12(d)/1; C 106/D; C 104/D; Circular letter No.3091; C/ES.26/SR.4

13 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION (agenda item 13)

13.1 The Council agreed not to consider this item this time due to time constraints.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/13; A 27/20 and Add.1; C/ES.26/SR.4

- 14 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS (agenda item 14)
- 14.1 The Council agreed not to consider this item this time due to time constraints.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/14; A 27/21 and Add.1-2; C/ES.26/SR.4

- 15 SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDAS FOR THE NEXT TWO SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 15)
- 15.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.26/15, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the substantive items proposed for inclusion in the provisional agendas for its 107th and 108th regular sessions, each to be adopted in accordance with rule 15 of its Rules of Procedure.
- 15.2 The Council amended the agenda for its 107th session to include "Substantive items for inclusion in the provisional agendas of the next two sessions of the Council" and for its 108th session to amend sub-paragraph (e) under "Resource Management" to read: "Budget considerations for 2012 and 2013" and to add a new item on "Periodic Review of Administrative Requirements in Mandatory IMO Instruments".
- 15.3 With regard to the duration of the two sessions, the Council agreed to one day for the 107th session (scheduled for 1 December 2011) and, for reasons of economy, four days for the 108th session (scheduled for 11 to 14 June 2012).
- 15.4 The Council authorized its Chairman to approve the summary of its decisions at the session, for circulation during the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly.

Reference documents: C/ES.26/15; C/ES.26/SR.4

- 16 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS (agenda item 16)
- 16.1 The Council welcomed its 107th Member, Palau.
- 16.2 The Council concluded by expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General, Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, for his outstanding contribution to the work of the Organization and wished him well for the future.

Reference document: C/ES.26/SR.4