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## GENERAL

The 104th session of the Council was held from 7 to 11 June 2010, under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Lantz (United States). The Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. Ntuli (South Africa), was also present.

**Reference document:** C 104/SR.1

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

Algeria, Angola, Belize, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Bulgaria, Colombia, the Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Gabon, the Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Honduras, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Marshall Islands, Monaco, Morocco, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tonga, Uganda, 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 104/SR.1

### 1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (agenda item 1)

1.1 The Council considered a proposal by Turkey (C 104/1/2), as amplified verbally, to include in its agenda a new item, under the title "Protection of safety of navigation and human life at sea", to discuss the incident that took place in international waters of the eastern Mediterranean on 31 May 2010, involving units of the Israeli Defence Forces and ships carrying charity aid to the Gaza strip.

1.2 The majority of those Council Members who spoke did not support the above proposal (which, however, was supported by several delegations) and the Council, therefore, decided not to act as requested. However, it unanimously expressed regret for the lives lost and injuries sustained in the incident. It, furthermore, expressed its condolences to the families and friends of the reported casualties.

1.3 Accordingly, the Council adopted the agenda and the timetable as proposed in document C 104/1/Rev.1; and noted the annotations to the agenda contained in document C 104/1/1.

1.4 With respect to agenda item 15(d) (Relations with non-governmental organizations), the Council convened a group composed of representatives from the delegations of Brazil, Canada, Germany, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia and South Africa, and open to other interested Council Members and observer delegations, to consider applications for consultative status submitted by the Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst (AECC), Pacific Environment, the Clean Shipping Coalition (CSC), the European Maritime Independent Suppliers Association (EMISA) and the European Tugowners Association (ETA). The group was chaired by Captain Raja Malik (Malaysia).

**Reference documents:** C 104/1/Rev.1; C 104/1/1; C 104/1/2; C 104/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 delegations attending the session were found to be in order.

**Reference documents:** C 104/2; C 104/SR.1 and SR.3

## **3 STRATEGY AND PLANNING (agenda item 3)**

3.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/3, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Council Working Group on the Organization's Strategic Plan and the Secretary-General, on the outcome of the Working Group's eleventh session (7 to 9 April 2010). The Council further noted information provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Organization's Medical Adviser on the impact on staff health of regularly working long night shifts.

3.2 To address the latter impact on the physical and mental health and morale of the Secretariat staff, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in conjunction with the Medical Adviser, to develop and implement appropriate measures to mitigate the adverse effects on staff of long working hours, particularly at night; monitor their effectiveness; keep them under review; and report to the next session of the Council.

3.3 With regard to the Working Group's recommendations on improving the conduct of IMO meetings, with a view to increasing efficiency and effectiveness, while also reducing the growing burden of work (paragraph 8 of document C 104/3), the Council:

- (i) approved the recommendations in paragraph 8.1 (number of pages per document and per meeting), decided to delete the phrase "[and as a general rule]" in subparagraph 8.1.3 thereof and requested Member States and organizations to abide by the spirit and letter of the agreed new arrangements for the maximum size of documents requiring translation;
- (ii) approved the recommendations in paragraph 8.2 (number of working papers printed for circulation) and decided that two copies of working papers should be printed for IGOs and only one for NGOs;
- (iii) approved the recommendations in subparagraphs 8.3.1, 8.3.2 and 8.3.3(a) (translation of working papers);
- (iv) noted the Working Group's conclusion in subparagraph 8.4 (preparation of meeting reports);
- (v) approved the recommendations in subparagraph 8.5 (size of meeting reports);
- (vi) approved the recommendation in subparagraph 8.6 (Summary Records);
- (vii) noted the Working Group's conclusion in subparagraph 8.7 (provision of laptops to delegations);
- (viii) noted the Working Group's conclusion in subparagraph 8.8 (introduction of agenda items and documents);

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- (ix) noted the Working Group's conclusion in subparagraph 8.9 (time limits for interventions) and invited the Chairmen of Committees to recall their right of recourse to the Rules of Procedure of their respective Committees for the purpose of limiting the length of interventions;
- (x) noted the Working Group's conclusion in subparagraph 8.10 (software to share/amend documents during meetings);
- (xi) agreed to proceed as indicated hereunder with respect to the recommendations in paragraph 8.11 (duration and frequency of certain meetings):
- noting that the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly was already budgeted for ten working days, it should nevertheless be scheduled for only eight working days on a trial basis, with the Assembly itself then deciding on the duration of its future sessions based on the experience so gained;
  - the Council should decide, at the end of each session, the precise duration of its next session, having due regard to the expected workload of that session;
  - the Maritime Safety Committee should look into the possibility of reducing the number of days of its sessions, which could be achieved through improved planning, prioritization, workload management and implementation of the guidelines annexed to resolution A.1013(26), and report to the Council on the outcome; and
  - the Legal Committee should look into the possibility of reducing the number of its sessions per biennium, taking into account its expected workload, and report to the Council on the outcome;
- (xii) noted the Working Group's conclusion in paragraph 8.12 (MSC and LEG sessions);
- (xiii) approved the recommendation in paragraph 8.13 (review of sub-committees' tasks) and decided that the agreed review by the Meeting of Chairmen should not encompass the current structure of sub-committees and that the outcome thereof should be reported directly to the Council;
- (xiv) decided, with respect to the recommendation in paragraph 8.14 (cap on the number of meeting-weeks), that the Organization's biennial workload, as set out in the High-level Action Plan, should determine the required number of meeting-weeks;
- (xv) approved the recommendation in paragraph 8.15 (no introduction of documents for information);
- (xvi) decided, with respect to the recommendation in paragraph 8.16 (IGOs and NGOs), that the Secretariat should obtain information from other UN bodies on how IGOs and NGOs participate in their work; and
- (xvii) noted the Working Group's conclusion in paragraph 8.17 (use of computer assisted translation).

3.4 With regard to the Working Group's other recommendations in document C 104/3, the Council:

- (i) decided to maintain the customary procedures for the election of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees and sub-committees (paragraph 9);
- (ii) approved the recommendations in paragraph 11 and annex 3 on the alignment of the planning and budgeting cycles, for implementation as of the 2012-2013 biennium; and invited the Secretary-General to re-examine the scheduling of the Council and Working Group sessions, and to report to the Council at its next session; and
- (iii) approved the proposals in paragraph 13 and annex 4, regarding the possible future role of the Working Group.

3.5 In connection with the Working Group's next session (CWGSP 12), the Council decided that it should be convened for five days in 2011. Similarly, the next session of the Council Risk Review, Management and Reporting Working Group (CWGRM 5) should also be convened in 2011, as a stand-alone two-day session.

3.6 The Council approved the report of the Working Group in general and expressed appreciation for the satisfactory outcome of the Group's eleventh session.

3.7 The Council approved proposed amendments to its Guidelines on organization and method of work, set out in document C 104/3/1, for immediate effect.

3.8 In the context of proposals aiming at reducing the administrative burdens arising from IMO's regulatory work (set out in document C 104/3/2, submitted by Australia, Denmark and Sweden), the Council invited Member States to submit, to its next session, concrete proposals on how the matter could be taken forward, bearing in mind, in particular, the administrative burden on developing States.

**Reference documents:** C 104/3; C 104/3/1-2; C/ES.25/3 (paragraphs 22 to 28, 31 and 34 and annex 3); C/ES.25/D (paragraphs 3.2(iv) and (v)); C 102/3(a) (paragraphs 5 and 6 and annex 1); C 102/D (paragraphs 3(a).2(i) to 3(a).2(iii)); CWGSP 10/4/2; Circular letter No.2601; resolutions A.1011(26), A.1012(26) and A.1013(26); C 104/SR.1, SR.2 and SR.3

#### **4 ORGANIZATIONAL REFORMS (agenda item 4)**

4.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 104/4 and C 104/4/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on organizational reforms.

4.2 With regard to document C 104/4, reporting on developments with respect to the Organization's adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and the project to update the Organization's SAP system, as well as its functionality to include both Human Resources (HR) and payroll functions, the Council welcomed the completion of the SAP/HR and payroll project and looked forward to being updated on the implementation of IPSAS in due course.

4.3 With regard to document C 104/4/1 reporting on public access to IMO documents, the Council welcomed the progress reported on the availability of IMO documents on the

public website in accordance with its previously agreed criteria (document C 101/4/1, annex) and requested a report on further developments at its next session.

**Reference documents:** C 104/4; C 104/4/1; A 26/17(a); C/ES.25/4; C 102/4/1; C 101/4/1; C 98/4(a); C 104/SR.3

## **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, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on human resource matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.

5(a).2 The Council noted the information provided in document C 104/5(a) reporting on the implementation, by the Organization, of the decisions of the United Nations General Assembly with respect to the recommendations contained in the 2009 report of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC).

5(a).3 With regard to document C 104/5(a)/1, the Council approved amendments to staff regulations 3.2 and 11.2 and noted the text of the amended staff rule 103.8, reflecting changes in the provisions for the payment of education grant and the Organization's agreement to make use of the recently established UN Appeals Tribunal.

5(a).4 The Council expressed appreciation for the information provided in document C 104/5(a)/2 on the Organization's human resource strategy in the areas of recruitment, staff development and succession planning.

5(a).5 The Council noted the information provided in document C 104/5(a)/3 reporting on the recruitment of women; the geographical and age distribution of staff; and staff development and training as at 31 March 2010.

**Reference documents:** C 104/5(a); C 104/5(a)/1-3; C 104/INF.2; A 26/INF.2; C/ES.25/D; C/ES.25/5(a); C/ES.25/5(a)/2; C 102/5(a)/2; C 104/SR.3

### **(b) Accounts and audit: final accounts for the second calendar year of the twenty-fifth financial period (agenda item 5(b))**

5(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 104/5(b) and C 104/5(b)/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the representative of the External Auditor (the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India) on the final accounts for 2009.

5(b).2 In particular, the Council:

- (i) noted the Secretary-General's financial report and accounts for 2009;
- (ii) welcomed the unqualified opinion of the External Auditor;
- (iii) noted the shortfall of income over expenditure for 2009 of £958,743 before prior year savings and transfers;

- (iv) welcomed, with appreciation, the achievement of a Members' contribution level of 99.34%;
- (v) expressed appreciation to the External Auditor for his report;
- (vi) welcomed the Secretary-General's stewardship of the Organization's Funds and his report to the Council;
- (vii) approved the year-end transfers between Major Programmes, in accordance with financial regulation 4.4, in force in 2009;
- (viii) approved the transfer of £854,393 from the unspent 2008 budget to 2009 in the Headquarters Capital Fund;
- (ix) noted the information provided on the accumulated liability from the operation of the Organization's Contributions Incentive Scheme;
- (x) welcomed the information provided by the Secretary-General on the reimbursement by the Host Government of the Climate Change Levy; and
- (xi) decided to forward the financial statements, schedules, Notes to the Accounts and the External Auditor's report to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly.

**Reference documents:** C 104/5(b); C 104/5(b)/1; C 104/5(c); C 104/5(d); C/ES.25/5(d); C 102/5(e); C 104/SR.3

**(c) Report on investments (agenda item 5(c))**

5(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/5(c), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the investment of the Organization's monies during 2009.

**Reference documents:** C 104/5(c); C 102/5(c); C 104/SR.4

**(d) 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(d))**

5(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/5(d) and its addenda, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of Member States' contributions, advances to the Working Capital Fund and the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

5(d).2 In particular, the Council:

- (i) noted the collection rate of Members' contributions in the current year; and urged those with outstanding contributions, in particular, Council Members, to remit them as soon as possible;
- (ii) noted the reported developments in advances to the Working Capital Fund; and

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- (iii) reiterated its firm stance on the strict enforcement of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

**Reference documents:** C 104/5(d) and Add.1-3; C/ES.25/5(b) and Add.1-2; C 104/SR.4

**(e) Budget considerations for 2010 (agenda item 5(e))**

5(e).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/5(e), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on budget considerations for 2010.

5(e).2 In particular, the Council:

- (i) noted the outcome of the external pay and price factors review;
- (ii) noted the budgetary impact of exchange rate movements and the issue of ring-fencing funds under certain exchange rates and requested the Secretary-General to provide information on the possibility of preparing the Organization's budget using two currencies;
- (iii) noted the forecast outturn level of the regular budget expenditure for 2010, assessed to be kept within the approved appropriation for 2010;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) noted the expected revenue and expenditure in the Trading Fund and the consequential in-year surplus distribution;
- (vi) noted the forecast expenditure level in the Termination Benefit Fund and requested the Secretariat to submit detailed proposals on the funding of future employee benefit liabilities to the Council's 105th session; and
- (vii) noted the expenditure status of the Headquarters Capital Fund; the Training and Development Fund; the Technical Co-operation Fund; and extra-budgetary programmes.

**Reference documents:** C 104/5(e); A 26/17(d) and Add.1; C/ES.25/D; C 102/8; resolution A.1014(26); C 104/SR.4

**6 VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME (agenda item 6)**

6.1 The Council noted the information provided in documents C 104/6 and C 104/INF.3, as well as that provided orally by the delegation of Singapore and the Secretary-General, on the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

6.2 With regard to document C 104/6, the Council particularly:

- (i) encouraged Member States that had not yet volunteered for audits to do so as and when they are ready and as early as possible; and

- (ii) invited Member States to continue to nominate as many qualified auditors as possible; to make them available to undertake audits of volunteering States; and for those nominated to participate in the auditors' training courses being organized by the Organization.

6.3 The Council also noted:

- (i) the outcome of the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly's consideration of the progress made in the implementation of the Scheme and its decision to refer the third consolidated audit summary report to the MSC and MEPC for detailed consideration and for the Council to be apprised of the resulting outcome;
- (ii) the adoption of resolution A.1018(26) on Further development of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme, and the request contained therein for the MSC, MEPC, TCC and the FAL Committee, under the coordination of the Council, to take appropriate action to develop and establish the IMO Member State Audit Scheme in its institutionalized form within the established time frame; and for the Council to report progress thereon to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly;
- (iii) that a Joint Working Group (comprising of MSC, MEPC, TCC and FAL Committee members), to review the Framework and Procedures for the Scheme for the purpose of its institutionalization, should be established and that this would be considered in more detail at the Council's next session;
- (iv) the number of audits conducted thus far and those planned for this year;
- (v) the ongoing training of auditors;
- (vi) the issuance by the Secretariat of further audit summary reports and that the fourth consolidated audit summary report will be issued as a document to the Council's 105th session; and
- (vii) the continued availability of technical assistance to Member States to participate in the Scheme.

6.4 With regard to document C 104/INF.3, submitted by Singapore, the Council further noted the information provided on the Regional Workshop on Implementation of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme, conducted by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore in Singapore, from 1 to 5 March 2010, under the Singapore-IMO MoU on Third Country Training Programme (TCTP).

**Reference documents:** C 104/6; C 104/INF.3; A 26/9 and Add.1; A 26/9/1-2; resolution A.1018(26); C 104/SR.5

## **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 104/7, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Secretary-General, on the report of the Committee's sixtieth session (22 to 26 March 2010).

7.2 In particular, the Council endorsed:

- (i) the Committee's views regarding the definition of "harmful substances" concerning Performance Indicator 8(a); agreed to amend the indicator to read "Tonnes of oil discharged into the sea accidentally from ships subject to IMO instruments"; and further agreed that, when the data of NLS discharges become available, the Performance Indicator should be modified to address oil and NLS; and
- (ii) the Committee's approval of the planned intersessional meetings in 2010, as follows:
  - the OPRC-HNS Technical Group, to be held in the week before MEPC 61;
  - the ESPH Working Group, to be held from 18 to 22 October 2010; and
  - the Working Group on Energy Efficiency Measures for Ships, to be held from 28 June to 2 July 2010.

7.3 The Council also noted:

- (i) the adoption, by the Committee, of amendments to MARPOL Annex I concerning Special requirements for the use or carriage of oils in the Antarctic area; and to Annex VI concerning the establishment of the North American Emission Control Area;
- (ii) the progress made and decisions taken to progress the Committee's work on the control of GHG emissions from ships, including work on technical, operational and market-based measures;
- (iii) the decisions taken concerning the implementation of the BWM Convention, including the granting of Basic Approval to eight, and Final Approval to four, ballast water management systems that make use of Active Substances;
- (iv) the progress made towards promoting the ratification and implementation of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009;
- (v) the Committee's decisions concerning interpretations of, and proposed amendments to, MARPOL and related instruments;
- (vi) the action taken concerning the implementation of the OPRC Convention, the OPRC-HNS Protocol and relevant Conference resolutions; and
- (vii) the action taken concerning the Technical Co-operation Sub-programme for the Protection of the Marine Environment.

7.4 The Council approved the report of the sixtieth 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 104/7; MEPC 60/22; C 104/SR.4

## **8 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (agenda item 8)**

8.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 104/8 and C 104/8/1, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman of the Maritime Safety Committee, the Secretary-General, the delegation of Germany and the Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, on the report of the Maritime Safety Committee's eighty-seventh session (12 to 21 May 2010).

8.2 In particular, the Council:

- (i) endorsed the assessment by the Secretary-General on resources needed for the implementation of certain aspects of the goal-based standards (GBS) concept, and requested him to take action as appropriate;
- (ii) as far as the Committee's recommendation concerning the Organization's outreach for a better understanding and knowledge of its work, agreed that, on the basis of information provided by the Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, there was no need for further action to be taken on it;
- (iii) endorsed, for inclusion in the High-level Action Plan (resolution A.1013(26)), the unplanned outputs agreed by the Committee, as referred to in paragraph 54 of document C 104/8; and
- (iv) endorsed the Committee's action in approving the intersessional meetings referred to in paragraph 61 of document C 104/8.

8.3 The Council also noted:

- (i) the adoption, by the Committee, of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and the mandatory codes related thereto;
- (ii) the action taken by the Committee on issues related to maritime security;
- (iii) the actions taken by the Committee on GBS and, in particular, the adoption of amendments to SOLAS to introduce GBS to make the International goal-based ship construction standards for bulk carriers and oil tankers mandatory; and the agreement that a submitter of rules requesting their verification should pay an audit fee of US\$50,000 into a GBS Trust Fund to be established at IMO;
- (iv) the action taken by the Committee on LRIT-related matters;
- (v) the Committee's decisions on issues brought to its attention by FP 53, DE 52, FSI 17, NAV 55, DSC 14, STW 41, SLF 52, BLG 14, DE 53, COMSAR 14 and FP 54;
- (vi) the action taken by the Committee on issues relating to the technical assistance sub-programme in maritime safety and security;
- (vii) the action taken by the Committee on issues relating to the human element;

- (viii) the action taken by the Committee on issues relating to formal safety assessment;
- (ix) the activities pertaining to the issue of piracy and armed robbery against ships;
- (x) the action taken to facilitate the entry into force of the 1993 amendments to the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC), 1972;
- (xi) the action taken by the Committee regarding revision of the Committees' Guidelines on the organization and method of work;
- (xii) the report on the status of planned outputs for the 2010-2011 biennium;
- (xiii) the action taken regarding proposals for the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2012-2013 biennium;
- (xiv) the action taken by the Committee on issues relating to the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme;
- (xv) the draft Assembly resolution (on Pilot transfer arrangements) approved by the Committee for submission to the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly for adoption; and the 48 guidelines and other recommendations approved by the Committee for dissemination; and
- (xvi) the action taken by the Committee regarding the IMO/IACS co-operation on the IACS Quality System Certification Scheme.

8.4 The Council expressed appreciation for the work accomplished by the Committee; and wished every success for the Diplomatic Conference to amend the STCW Convention and Code, due to take place in Manila (Philippines), from 21 to 25 June 2010.

8.5 The Council approved the report of the eighty-seventh session of the Maritime Safety 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 104/8; C 104/8/1; MSC 87/5/2; MSC 87/26 and addenda; MSC 86/26, section 5; C 104/SR.5

## **9 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 9)**

9.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/9 and its addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman of the Technical Co-operation Committee and the Secretary-General, on the report of the Technical Co-operation Committee's sixtieth session (1 to 3 June 2010).

9.2 In particular, the Council noted:

- (i) the Committee's endorsement of the ITCP biennial report on 2008-2009 and, in particular, the high level of delivery of the ITCP during the 2008-2009 biennium, both in terms of the volume and delivery rate;

- (ii) the status of financial contributions made by countries, organizations and industry to the ITCP; and the voluntary donations made by Member States in response to resolution A.993(25) on Voluntary donations of interest earnings under the Contributions Incentive Scheme to the TC Fund and other IMO Funds;
- (iii) the contributions made by the IMO regional presence offices in Africa and east Asia and also in the Caribbean, through the regional maritime adviser, for the implementation of ITCP activities;
- (iv) the status of the partnership arrangements, as called for by resolution A.965(23), for the effective coordination and implementation of IMO activities in all regions;
- (v) the Committee's endorsement of the report on the delivery of technical assistance activities under the global programme on the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme;
- (vi) the Committee's response to the Assembly's request in resolution A.1018(26) to play its part in the institutionalization of the Audit Scheme process;
- (vii) the report on the implementation of activities under the IWMS Programme during 2009;
- (viii) the activities undertaken and future actions in the promotion and implementation of resolution A.1006(25) on the linkage between the ITCP and the MDGs;
- (ix) the Committee's adoption of its work programme for the period 2011-2014;
- (x) the Committee's approval of proposed amendments to paragraphs (c) and (d) of Rule 4 of its Rules of Procedure; and
- (xi) the Committee's plan to finalize the revision of Guidelines on Methods and Organization of Work of the Technical Co-operation Committee at its next session.

9.3 The Council approved the report of the sixtieth session of the Technical Co-operation 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.

9.4 In a subsequent discussion, at the instigation of the delegation of Turkey, of the 31 May 2010 incident (paragraph 1.1 above refers), the Council unanimously reiterated its expression of deep regret for the loss of life and injuries suffered in the incident and its condolences to the families and friends of the reported casualties.

9.5 The Council noted that the Secretary-General would issue a press release encapsulating the essence of its debate on the issue.

**Reference documents:** C 104/9 and Add.1; TC 60/13; C 104/SR.5 and SR.6

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**10 TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FUND: REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE 2008-2009 PROGRAMME (agenda item 10)**

10.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/10, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the delivery of the ITCP activities supported by the Technical Co-operation Fund during the 2008-2009 biennium; and expressed appreciation for the efforts made and the results achieved.

**Reference documents:** C 104/10; TC 60/3; TC 57/3/1; TC 57/5; C 104/SR.6

**11 REPORT ON THE 2010 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE REVISION OF THE HNS CONVENTION (agenda item 11)**

11.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/11, as well as that provided orally by Her Highness Princess Lalla Joumala Alaoui, President of the Conference, and the Secretary-General, reporting on the successful outcome of the 2010 International Conference on the revision of the 1996 International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS Convention).

11.2 The Council expressed appreciation to the President and other Officers of the Conference, and authorized the Secretary-General to perform the depositary and other functions required under the Final Act of the Conference and under the Protocol of 2010 to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996, as set forth in documents LEG/CONF.17/10 and LEG/CONF.17/12.

**Reference documents:** C 104/11; LEG/CONF.17/10-12; C 104/SR.6

**12 WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY (agenda item 12)****(a) Report of the Board of Governors (agenda item 12(a))**

12(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/12(a), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the draft report of the Board of Governors on the work of the World Maritime University during the 2009 academic year. The Council further noted that it would be advised of any amendments thereto at its next session.

12(a).2 The Council expressed deep appreciation to the Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö for their particular contribution to the University and the contributions of the Nippon Foundation and the Ocean Policy Research Foundation of Japan; the International Transport Workers' Federation; the Governments of Canada, Denmark, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States; and Inmarsat Global Ltd. to the finances of the University and all other Governments, organizations and individuals that contribute to the running of the University.

**Reference documents:** C 104/12(a); C 104/12(b); C 104/12(b)/1; TC 60/8; C 104/SR.6

**(b) Budget (agenda item 12(b))**

12(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 104/12(b) and its addendum and C 104/12(b)/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the budget of the World Maritime University for the 2010 calendar year, and on the

response to the request of the Assembly, in resolution A.1031(26), concerning the financial sustainability of the University, respectively.

12(b).2 With regard to document C 104/12(b) and its addendum, the Council, in particular:

- (i) expressed appreciation to those Governments and organizations, which support the World Maritime University financially;
- (ii) noted, with concern, the projected budgetary shortfalls in 2010 and 2011; and
- (iii) endorsed the recommendation of the Technical Co-operation Committee at its sixtieth session and authorized the Secretary-General to allocate, in accordance with paragraph 13 of the Rules of Operation of the Technical Co-operation (TC) Fund and the Council's relevant decision at its 102nd session, on a one-off basis and without creating a precedent, up to £500,000 (US\$730,000 or €600,000) from the TC Fund reserves to support the finances of WMU during the current biennium – the monies to be transferred in two halves, i.e. once per the calendar years of 2010 and 2011.

12(b).3 With regard to document C 104/12(b)/1, the Council, in particular:

- (i) thanked the Secretary-General for his initial response to the request of the Assembly in resolution A.1031(26);
- (ii) decided to establish a correspondence group, coordinated by Sweden\*, to make any other proposals to assist the Secretary-General in responding to resolution A.1031(26); to work out ways and means to ensure the future financial sustainability of the University; and to provide direction to the Secretary-General to assist him to develop fully-costed proposals for consideration at the 105th session of the Council; and
- (iii) urged the University to continue doing its utmost to identify and obtain other sources of sustainable funding.

**Reference documents:** C 104/12(b) and Add.1; C 104/12(b)/1; C 104/12(a); TC 60/8; resolution A.1031(26); C 104/SR.6 and SR.7

### **(c) Extension of term of the Chancellor (agenda item 12(c))**

12(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/12(c) and decided to reappoint Mr. E.E. Mitropoulos, the IMO Secretary-General, as Chancellor of WMU for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012, by acclamation.

12(c).2 The Council extended its congratulations to the Secretary-General as he continues in his capacity as WMU Chancellor.

**Reference documents:** C 104/12(c); C 104/SR.7

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**13 IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE (agenda item 13)**

**(a) Report of the Governing Board (agenda item 13(a))**

13(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/13(a), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the report of the Governing Board of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI).

13(a).2 In particular, the Council:

- (i) expressed appreciation to all those contributing to the Institute delivering good results in pursuing its objectives;
- (ii) expressed appreciation to the IMLI academic and administrative staff for their determined and dedicated efforts to ensure the Institute's performance and financial stability;
- (iii) recognized the essential role the Institute continues to play in strengthening the capacity of developing countries to implement the various IMO treaty instruments to which they are party; and
- (iv) reaffirmed its continuous support for the Institute, in recognition of its success in maintaining high academic standards in the field of international maritime law.

**Reference documents:** C 104/13(a); C 104/13(b); TC 60/8/1; C 104/SR.7

**(b) Budget (agenda item 13(b))**

13(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/13(b), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the budget of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute.

13(b).2 In particular, the Council:

- (i) noted the "unqualified" nature of the financial audit of the Institute up to December 2009;
- (ii) expressed appreciation to all donors who supported, and continue to support, the Institute financially, particularly the Nippon Foundation; IMO, through its Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme; the "Euromed Cooperation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED" project; the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), through its "GEF-WIO Marine Highway Development and Coastal and Marine Contamination Prevention Project"; the Lloyd's Register Educational Trust; the Government of Switzerland; the Government of Malta, through the Malta Maritime Authority; the Comité Maritime International (CMI) Charitable Trust; the Neptune Orient Lines of Singapore; and the Sea Pine Tree Foundation of the Republic of Korea.

**Reference documents:** C 104/13(b); C 104/13(a); C 104/SR.7

**(c) Extension of term of the Chairman of the Governing Board (agenda item 13(c))**

13(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/13(c) and decided to reappoint Mr. E.E. Mitropoulos, the IMO Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Governing Board of IMLI for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012, by acclamation.

13(c).2 The Council extended its congratulations to the Secretary-General as he continues in his capacity as Chairman of the Governing Board of IMLI.

**Reference documents:** C 104/13(c); C 104/SR.7

**14 PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES (agenda item 14)**

14.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 104/14 and C 104/14/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on protection of vital shipping lanes.

14.2 The Council, having also noted recent developments at the United Nations on the issue of piracy and armed robbery against ships off the coast of Somalia and, in particular, the adoption by the United Nations Security Council of four resolutions, addressing various aspects of the issue, expressed appreciation to the Secretary-General and staff for their efforts to contribute to activities undertaken by the United Nations and others, to stem the incidence of piracy and armed robbery off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden.

14.3 With regard to document C 104/14, on developments since the twenty-fifth extraordinary session of the Council, regarding the support provided to the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore through the IMO Straits Fund; the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct and the issue of piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia; and document C 104/14/1, on an informal meeting on piracy held by the United Nations General Assembly on 14 May 2010, the Council:

- (i) noted, with appreciation, the contributions received from China and Germany and pledged by Norway to the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Fund; and the contribution received from Saudi Arabia to the Aids to Navigation Fund;
- (ii) invited Member States and the industry to continue contributing to the projects under the Cooperative Mechanism; the Aids to Navigation Fund; and the IMO Straits Fund;
- (iii) noted, with appreciation, the continuing efforts of the United Nations, IMO, other organizations and the maritime community at large to repress the incidence of piracy off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden;
- (iv) noted that the Comoros, Jordan, Mauritius, Saudi Arabia and the Sudan had, since the Council's twenty-fifth extraordinary session, in November 2010, signed the Djibouti Code of Conduct;
- (v) noted the establishment, within the Maritime Safety Division, of a Project Implementation Unit, funded by the Djibouti Code Trust Fund, to undertake the delivery of various activities relating to the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct;
- (vi) invited Member States and the industry to continue contributing to the Djibouti Code Trust Fund;

- (vii) noted the continued engagement of the Secretariat in the activities of the Contact Group on piracy off the coast of Somalia and its working groups;
- (viii) reiterated its deep appreciation to those Governments, and their navies, which had provided warships and military aircraft to protect ships sailing off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden; and encouraged them – as well as other Governments and navies – to assist in the attainment of the set objectives; and
- (ix) noted, with appreciation, the work of the Secretariat in relation to the protection of shipping lanes of strategic importance and significance and, in particular, its work concerning piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia.

14.4 The Council further reaffirmed its mandate to the Secretary-General to continue his work relating to the protection of shipping lanes of strategic importance and significance; and to report to the Council as and when appropriate.

**Reference documents:** C 104/14; C 104/14/1; C/ES.25/D; resolution A.1026(26); C 104/SR.7 and SR.8

## **15 EXTERNAL RELATIONS (agenda item 15)**

### **(a) Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies (agenda item 15(a))**

15(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 104/15(a) and C 104/15(a)/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

15(a).2 In particular, the Council noted:

- (i) the outcome of the first session of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2010;
- (ii) the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, which contain information of relevance to IMO, received since the twenty-fifth extraordinary session of the Council; and
- (iii) recent developments in the Group of 77.

15(a).3 The Council requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of any relevant developments concerning the above-mentioned issues.

**Reference documents:** C 104/15(a); C 104/15(a)/1; C 104/SR.8

### **(b) Joint Inspection Unit (agenda item 15(b))**

15(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 104/15(b) and C 104/15(b)/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) and the actions taken by the Secretary-General thereon.

15(b).2 With regard to document C 104/15(b), providing information on JIU reports received since its twenty-fifth extraordinary session, the Council, in particular, noted:

- (i) the report entitled "Towards More Coherent United Nations System Support to Africa" (JIU/REP/2009/5) and the Secretary-General's comments thereon; and
- (ii) the report entitled "Offshoring in United Nations System Organizations – Offshore Service Centres" (JIU/REP/2009/6), and the Secretary-General's comments thereon.

15(b).3 As concerns the report entitled "Selection and Conditions of Service of Executive Heads in the United Nations System Organizations" (JIU/REP/2009/8), the Council welcomed the report and its recommendations and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a document for consideration by the Council, at its 105th session, on the existing practices and procedures for the selection and conditions of service of the Secretary-General and, taking into account the recommendations contained in the report, to provide relevant comments thereon.

15(b).4 As concerns document C 104/15(b)/1, providing information on follow-up to JIU reports since its 102nd session, the Council:

- (i) noted, with appreciation, the Secretary-General's efforts and action already taken and underway to address the eight recommendations contained in the JIU report on "Review of management of internet websites in the United Nations system organizations"; and
- (ii) further noted, with satisfaction, the efforts made by the Secretary-General to address those recommendations addressed to him, as Executive Head of the Organization, in the JIU report entitled "Review of management and administration in the International Maritime Organization".

**Reference documents:** C 104/15(b); C 104/15(b)/1; C/ES.25/D; C/ES.25/14(b); C 102/4; C 100/15(b); C 104/SR.8

**(c) Relations with intergovernmental organizations (agenda item 15(c))**

15(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/15(c) and its addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on relations with intergovernmental organizations.

15(c).2 With regard to document C 104/15(c), the Council noted that the formal procedures for the signing of Agreements of Co-operation between IMO and the following organizations were now complete:

- the Marine Accident Investigators' International Forum (MAIIF);
- the Riyadh Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Riyadh MoU);
- the International Whaling Commission (IWC);
- the International Transport Forum (FIT);
- the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (BSC);

- the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC);
- the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS); and
- the Organization of American States (OAS).

15(c).3 With regard to document C 104/15(c)/Add.1, proposing a new Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission, the Council approved the draft agreement and decided to submit it to the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly for consideration and final approval.

**Reference documents:** C 104/15(c) and Add.1; A 26/19(c); C 104/SR.8

**(d) Relations with non-governmental organizations (agenda item 15(d))**

15(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 104/15(d) and its addendum and C 104/WP.1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Group of Council Members, on relations with non-governmental organizations.

15(d).2 With regard to new and renewed applications for consultative status, the Council decided:

- (i) not to grant consultative status to the Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst (AECC);
- (ii) to grant consultative status to Pacific Environment, on a provisional basis, for no more than two years, after which a review should be conducted to consider, *inter alia*, potential duplication with other non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO;
- (iii) to grant consultative status to the Clean Shipping Coalition (CSC), on a provisional basis, for no more than two years, after which a review should be conducted to consider, *inter alia*, potential duplication with other non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO;
- (iv) not to grant consultative status to the European Maritime Independent Suppliers Association (EMISA); and
- (v) not to grant consultative status to the European Tugowners Association (ETA).

15(d).3 The Council requested the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the procedures by which consultative status for non-governmental organizations is granted, in order to ensure clarity in the interpretation of the criteria; and report to the Council at its 105th session.

15(d).4 With regard to applications previously considered by the Council, the Council decided:

- (i) to defer its decision on the application by the Bureau International des Containers et du Transport Intermodal (BIC), pending receipt of the FAL Committee's advice; and

- (ii) to grant consultative status to the Superyacht Builders Association (SYBAss) on a provisional basis, for no more than two years, at the end of which time its status should be reviewed.

15(d).5 The Council noted that the International Association of Producers of Insurance and Reinsurance (BIPAR) had changed its name to European Federation of Insurance Intermediaries, retaining the acronym BIPAR.

15(d).6 The Council noted that the Association of European Manufacturers of Internal Combustion Engines (EUROMOT) had changed its name to The European Association of Internal Combustion Engine Manufacturers, retaining the acronym EUROMOT.

15(d).7 The Council noted that the International Navigation Association (PIANC) had changed its name to PIANC, the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure, retaining the acronym PIANC.

15(d).8 The Council noted that Captain Raja Malik (Malaysia), the Chairman of the Group of Council Members convened to consider applications for consultative status, would be retiring at the end of July 2010 and extended appreciation to him for the work he had done on behalf of the Council.

**Reference documents:** C 104/15(d) and Add.1; C 104/WP.1; MSC 87/26; C 102/D; C 104/SR.8

**(e) World Maritime Day (agenda item 15(e))**

15(e).1 The Council noted the information provided orally by the Secretary-General on the arrangements for World Maritime Day 2011 and endorsed his proposal that the theme for the Day should be:

"Piracy: orchestrating the response".

15(e).2 The Council authorized the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of World Maritime Day 2011, in accordance with the established practice.

**Reference document:** C 104/SR.8

**(f) International Maritime Prize (agenda item 15(f))**

15(f).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/15(f), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the International Maritime Prize.

15(f).2 The Council decided to award the International Maritime Prize for 2009 to Mr. Johan Franson and extended its congratulations to him. It also expressed its appreciation to the Government of Sweden for nominating such an eminent candidate for the Prize.

15(f).3 The Council also expressed its appreciation to Mr. Jerzy W. Vonau, who also had impressive credentials, and to the Government of Poland for nominating such an eminent candidate for the Prize.

15(f).4 The Council noted and endorsed the measures taken and those proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of the 2010 Prize.

**Reference documents:** C 104/15(f); C 102/D; Circular letter No.2954; C 104/SR.9

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**(g) IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea (agenda item 15(g))**

15(g).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/15(g) and its addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

15(g).2 The Council endorsed the decision of the Panel of Judges to bestow the 2010 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea on Fourth Engineer James Fanifua, nominated by the Government of Australia.

15(g).3 In addition, the Council agreed that Certificates of Commendation in recognition of meritorious services rendered should be awarded to the following nominees:

- (i) the crew of the fishing boat **Zhe Ping Yu 2325**, nominated by the Government of China;
- (ii) PO2 Samuel B. Boniol, PO3 Anifer S. Bucao, SN1 Oliver S. Cogo and SPO3 Loreto F. Justo, Task Force Sea Marshalls (TFSM), nominated by the Government of the Philippines;
- (iii) Coxswain Myck Jubber, Crewman Kobus Meyer and Crewman Kim Germishuys of the rescue boat **Spirit of Rotary-Blouberg**, Station 18, Melkbosstrand, National Sea Rescue Institute of South Africa; and
- (iv) AST3 Michael C. Romano, from Air Station Atlantic City, United States Coast Guard, nominated by the Government of the United States.

15(g).4 The Council further agreed that Letters of Commendation should be sent to the following nominees:

- (i) the MSA officers of the patrol vessel **31321** Changjiang Maritime Safety Administration (Chianjiang MSA), nominated by the Government of China;
- (ii) the team of rescue swimmers, IDF Helicopters, Israel Defence Force (IDF), nominated by the Government of Israel;
- (iii) the Master and crew of the **M/V Dorian**, nominated by the Government of Liberia;
- (iv) the Negeri Sembilan Fire and Rescue Department, Malaysia (FDRM), nominated by the Government of Malaysia; and
- (v) AB (Maritime Police) Gustavo Castrillon and AB (Maritime Police) Juan Almada, Sub-prefecture, Port of Santiago Vázquez, Coastguard of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, nominated by the Government of Uruguay.

15(g).5 The Council extended its congratulations to Fourth Engineer James Fanifua, the winner of the 2010 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea, and to those candidates who had been selected to receive Certificates of Commendation or Letters of Commendation; and also expressed appreciation to all the remaining candidates and to those Governments and organizations, which had nominated such worthy candidates for the Award.

15(g).6 The Council noted and endorsed the arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of the 2010 Awards ceremony and the 2011 Award.

**Reference documents:** C 104/15(g) and Add.1; C 104/SR.8

**16 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION (agenda item 16)**

16.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/16, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of the Convention and membership of the Organization.

16.2 The Council endorsed the Secretary-General's recommendation that IMO Member States, which are not members of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), give favourable consideration to joining that Organization, given that its objectives with regard to enhanced safety and environmental protection are closely related to those of IMO.

**Reference documents:** C 104/16; C 104/SR.9

**17 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS (agenda item 17)**

17.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/17, its addendum and its corrigendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs depositary functions.

17.2 The Council particularly noted that the entry into force provisions of the 2005 Protocol to the 1988 SUA Convention, as well as those of its associated 2005 Protocol relating to Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, had now been met and that both treaties would, as a consequence, enter into force on 28 July 2010.

17.3 The Council further noted that the Protocol of 2010 to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996, adopted on 30 April 2010, had brought the number of treaty instruments adopted under the auspices of IMO to 52.

17.4 The Council endorsed the Secretary-General's continuing efforts to encourage Governments to consider accepting those instruments to which they were not yet Parties; and, in particular, reiterated its plea to Member Governments to pay special attention to ratifying:

- (i) as far as safety-related conventions are concerned, the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol and the 1995 STCW-F Convention; and
- (ii) as far as environment-related conventions are concerned, the 2004 Ballast Water Management Convention,

to enable them to enter into force as soon as possible. The Council also urged Governments to ratify Annex VI to the MARPOL Convention.

17.5 The Council endorsed the Secretary-General's request for similar, swift action to be taken by both Signatory and non-Signatory States with regard to two further treaties, namely, the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, adopted in May 2007; and

the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009, which opened for signature at IMO Headquarters on 1 September 2009 and will close on 31 August 2010, thereafter remaining open for accession.

17.6 The Council also encouraged Governments to ratify the ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, given the impetus it would provide, once it has entered into force, to encourage young people to enter the seafaring profession.

17.7 The Council requested the Secretary-General to continue communicating with Governments that had not yet ratified IMO treaties, encouraging and assisting them to accept and implement these treaties at their earliest convenience.

**Reference documents:** C 104/17 and Add.1; C 104/17/Corr.1 (English and Spanish only); C 104/SR.9

## **18 PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 18)**

18.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 104/18, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, and approved his proposal that the 105th session of the Council be held at the Headquarters of the Organization from 1 to 5 November 2010.

**Reference documents:** C 104/18; C 104/SR.9

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