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## **GENERAL**

The 115th session of the Council was held on 2 December 2015. The Secretary-General presided over the opening of the session.

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

The session was attended by non-members and observers as listed in document C 115/INF.1].

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### **1 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (agenda item 1)**

1.1 Mr. J. Lantz (United States) was re-elected Chairman by acclamation.

1.2 The Council decided to invoke rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure and suspend rule 19 regarding the election of the Vice-Chairman, and further decided to postpone the election of the Vice-Chairman to C 116.

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### **2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (agenda item 2)**

2.1 The Council adopted the agenda as contained in document C 115/2, with the addition of agenda item 5(a), consideration of a new agenda item for C 116 on arrears of contributions referred to in paragraph 5(a) of this document.

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### **3 CONTRACT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (agenda item 3)**

3.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 115/3, and that provided orally by the Chairman, on the contract of the Secretary-General.

3.2 On behalf of the Organization, the Council authorized the Chairman to sign the contract of Mr. Kitack Lim as Secretary-General of the Organization for a four-year term, with effect from 1 January 2016, following which, Mr. Lim swore an oath to the Organization and the contract was signed by both.

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**4 DATE, PLACE AND DURATION OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL  
(agenda item 4)**

4.1 The Council decided to hold its 116th regular session at IMO Headquarters from 4 to 8 July 2016 and noted that budgetary provisions had been made for eight plenary sessions with full interpretation.

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**5 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS (agenda item 5)**

**(a) Application of waiver of assessed contribution arrears**

5(a).1 The Chairman recalled the Council's discussions, at its twenty-eighth extraordinary session, with respect to the request from the Federal Republic of Somalia for a waiver of sums due, and its decision to forward that request to the Assembly for its consideration, noting that there was no provision in the IMO Convention for the Council to consider or make recommendations with respect to such a request.

5(a).2 Having been informed that the Assembly had requested the Council to consider the matter further and to report to the thirtieth session of the Assembly, the Council:

- (i) agreed to consider the subject matter under the agenda item relating to "Resource management", in particular the sub-agenda item entitled "Report on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention";
- (ii) welcomed the Secretary-General's proposal for the Secretariat to prepare a background document setting out the application for waiver by the Federal Republic of Somalia, the relevant provisions of the IMO Convention and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly with respect to that request, if any, the decisions taken by the Council and the Assembly to date, and any relevant information on policy and precedent elsewhere in the United Nations system; and
- (iii) encouraged interested Member States to make submissions containing proposals for how such requests might be addressed in the future.

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**(b) Appreciation of the services of Mr. Koji Sekimizu to WMU and IMLI**

5(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 115/5, and that provided orally by the Chairman, on the appreciation of the services of Mr. Koji Sekimizu to WMU and IMLI.

5(b).2 The Council recognized, appreciated and expressed its thanks to Mr. Koji Sekimizu:

- (i) for his outstanding and exemplary services to, and for his successful stewardship of the affairs of WMU during his period of service as WMU Chancellor and to accord him, with effect from 1 January 2016, the title of WMU Chancellor Emeritus; and
- (ii) for his outstanding and exemplary services to, and for his successful stewardship of the affairs of IMLI during the period of his service as IMLI Governing Board Chairman.

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