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**DRAFT SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

**GENERAL**

The 112th session of the Council was held from 16 to 19 June 2014, under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Lantz (United States). The Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. Ntuli (South Africa), was also present.

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

*[To be completed by the Secretariat after the meeting, based on document C 112/INF.1.]*

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

1.1 The Council adopted the agenda and proposed timetable, as contained in documents C 112/1/Rev.1 and C 112/1/2, and noted the annotations to the agenda contained in document C 112/1/1.

**Reference documents:** C 112/1/Rev.1, C 112/1/1, C 112/1/2

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**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.

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

3.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 112/3, C 112/3/1, C 112/3/2, C 112/3/3, C 112/3/4 (submitted by Canada), C 112/3/5 and C 112/INF.2 (submitted by the United Kingdom) and C 112/3/6 (submitted by Germany), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, the delegations of Canada, Germany and the United Kingdom, and the Chairman of the Council Risk Review, Management and Reporting Working Group.

3.2 With regard to documents C 112/3 and C 112/3/6 (submitted by Germany), respectively reporting and commenting on the outcome of the sixth session of the Council Risk Review, Management and Reporting Working Group, held on 26 and 27 March 2014, the Council:

- (i) noted that the risk management exercise within the Secretariat would be further developed by the Secretariat and should be viewed as an iterative process and, in this respect, requested the Secretary-General to ensure that future iterations of the risk management exercise would be further focused by consolidating risk events; and
- (ii) endorsed the position of the working group that, in the future risk management iterations, the Secretariat further separates the present mitigations and possible future mitigations and includes information on costing of possible future mitigations, as far as practicable, to assess their impact on the budget.

3.3 The Council appreciated the proposal from Germany, however decided that the Risk Management Framework should only be applied to the Secretariat's Business Plan until such time as the Council agreed to revisit the issue. The Council requested the Secretary-General to review the Risk Management Framework and identify any changes necessary to reflect this decision, and to present any proposed changes to the Council's spring session in 2015. A progress report would be presented at the Council's next session in 2014, including relevant updates on the current risk management exercise. The Council expressed its

appreciation to Mr. Ntuli and the working group for the work carried out and approved the report of the working group in general.

3.4 With regard to document C 112/3/4 (submitted by Canada) on the Proposal for a fundamental review of the Strategic Plan, the Council expressed its appreciation to the delegation of Canada for its proposal, which it endorsed, and for its Government's financial contribution towards a fundamental review of the Strategic Plan through an external consultant, to be contracted to work with the Secretariat, and requested the Secretariat to present the outcome at C 113.

3.5 The Council agreed to the terms of reference, as follows:

- Based on the Organization's Strategic Plan (resolution A.1060(28)), the High-level Action Plan (resolution A.1061(28)), the *Guidelines on the application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization* (resolution A.1062(28)), and taking into account the results-based budget of the Organization (resolution A.1063(28)), as well as the Secretariat's Business Plan (C/ES.27/3, annex 4), the consultant is to carry out a review of the Strategic Plan and all its components with the aim of identifying areas for improvement and clarifying interlinkages among the components, including the following elements:
  - (i) assessment of the Performance Indicators and the Key Performance Indicators, based on an initial analysis by the Secretariat, to ensure that what these indicators measure is under the control of the Organization and that they provide an effective basis for the evaluation of the Organization's Strategic Plan;
  - (ii) assessment of the consistency of all of the components of the Strategic Plan, including the usage of SMART-terminology;
  - (iii) identification of options to strengthen the strategic planning process; and
  - (iv) assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of fixing the Strategic Plan for a given period, such as for six years, with periodic reviews (for example, in years 2 and 4).

3.6 With regard to documents C 112/3/5 and C 112/INF.2 (submitted by the United Kingdom) on proposed changes to the *Guidelines on the application of the Strategic Plan and High-level Action Plan of the Organization*, the Council agreed to establish a correspondence group open to all Member States under the coordination of the United Kingdom<sup>1</sup>.

3.7 The Council decided that the terms of reference of the correspondence group would be to develop appropriate changes to the Guidelines in order to, inter alia, better reflect the process for proposing and considering new planned outputs and clarifying requirements for unplanned outputs, using document C 112/INF.2 as a basis and taking into account comments made at C 112. It was agreed that the correspondence group would present its report to C 113.

3.8 With regard to document C 112/3/1 on the review and reform initiative in the Organization, the Council noted the information provided and requested the Secretary-General to keep it updated on progress, in particular, with regard to the use of languages other than English on the IMO website, and on the consolidation of the sub-committees. The Council expressed its appreciation to the Secretary-General and his staff for their work.

3.9 With regard to document C 112/3/2 on succession and evolution in the IMO Secretariat, the Council noted:

- (i) the policies being developed and introduced to ensure effective succession planning;
- (ii) the supplementary information on the performance recognition programme and, in this regard, requested the Secretary-General to update the Council, at its next session, on any relevant developments within the United Nations system deriving from a review of performance management currently being undertaken by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC);

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- (iii) the processes and strategies to be used in pursuing the Secretariat's continuous evolution and, in that context, the structural reforms already carried out and now being pursued or planned; and
- (iv) the views of the Secretary-General on the desirability of supporting the restructuring and rationalization efforts through the conduct of a functional review of the Administrative Division, as a first step.

3.10 The Council also expressed its appreciation to the Secretary-General and his staff for their work on this topic and requested that the various initiatives be progressed, taking into account the comments made by Council members at this session.

3.11 With regard to document C 112/3/3 on transparency and accountability of the Organization, the Council noted:

- (i) the information on the publication of IMO's annual financial statements and audit opinion;
- (ii) the Secretary-General's intention to publish an annual summary of internal audit reports and activities;
- (iii) the progress made in the establishment of a personal financial disclosure programme; and
- (iv) the terms of reference for the ethics function at IMO.

**Reference documents:** C 112/3, C 112/3/1, C 112/3/2, C 112/3/3, C 112/3/4, C 112/3/5, C 112/3/6, C 112/3/INF.2 (English only), C 112/WP.3; resolution A.1062(28); C/ES.27/D; C 110/D, C 110/3, C 110/3/1, C 110/3/2, C 110/3/5, C 110/3/6, C 110/3/7, C 110/3/8, C 110/4(e), C 110/6, C 110/WP.3; C 109/D, C 109/3/1, C 109/3/2, C 109/4(d), C 109/4(e), C 109/INF.2; C 108/3/3, C 108/5(e), C 108/5(f); MSC 92/22; MEPC 65/12/3 and CWGSP 13/5

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**4 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:**

**(a) Human resource matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules (agenda item 4(a))**

4(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 112/4(a), C 112/4(a)/1 and C 112/4(a)/2, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on human resource matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.

4(a).2 The Council also noted:

- (i) the information provided in document C 112/4(a) on the implementation by the Organization of the decisions of the United Nations General Assembly on recommendations contained in the 2013 report of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC);
- (ii) the information provided in document C 112/4(a)/1 reporting on a senior-level appointment, the recruitment of women, the geographical and age distribution of staff, staff development and training and the APO programme;
- (iii) the information provided in document C 112/4(a)/2 reporting on the text of appendix G to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules on financial disclosure, as approved by the Secretary-General.

**Reference documents:** C 112/4(a), C 112/4(a)/1, C 112/4(a)/2; C 112/3/3, C/ES.27/4(a)

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**(b) Accounts and audit: final accounts for the financial period ending 31 December 2013 (agenda item 4(b))**

4(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 112/4(b) and C 112/4(b)/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the External Auditor, reporting on the Organization's financial statements for the financial period ending 31 December 2013, transfers within the 2013 budget, and the External Auditor's ensuing opinion and report.

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

- (i) noted the Secretary-General's statement and the financial statements for the Organization's financial period ending 31 December 2013;

- (ii) welcomed the unqualified opinion of the External Auditor, set out in annex 2 to document C 112/4(b);
- (iii) expressed its appreciation to the External Auditor for his report;
- (iv) noted the operating deficit of expenditure over revenue for 2013 of £531,497, as shown in Statement II of the financial statements set out in annex 1 to document C 112/4(b);
- (v) welcomed the Secretary-General's stewardship of the Organization's funds and his report to the Council; and
- (vi) decided to forward the financial statements for the Organization's financial period ended 2013, and the External Auditor's report, to the twenty-ninth regular session of the Assembly.

**Reference documents:** C 112/4(b), C 112/4(b)/1

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**(c) Report on investments (agenda item 4(c))**

4(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/4(c), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on the investment of the Organization's monies during 2013.

**Reference documents:** C 112/4(c)

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**(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 4(d))**

4(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/4(d) and its addenda, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on the status of Member States' contributions, advances to the Working Capital Fund (WCF) and the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

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

- (i) noted the low collection rate of Member States' contributions and the continuing arrears of those Member States identified in the three documents under review;
- (ii) urged those Member States with outstanding contributions to remit them as soon as possible;
- (iii) reiterated its firm stance on the strict enforcement of Article 61 of the IMO Convention; and
- (iv) noted the balance in the WCF of £1,585,202.

**Reference documents:** C 112/4(d) and Add.1-2; C/ES.27/4(b) and Add.1

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**(e) Budget considerations for 2014 (agenda item 4(e))**

4(e).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/4(e), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on budget considerations for 2014.

4(e).2 In particular, the Council noted:

- (i) the external pay and price factors review;
- (ii) the forecast outturn level of the regular budget expenditure for 2014, assessed to be kept within the approved appropriation for 2014;
- (iii) the income and expenditure outturn and forecast in the Trading Fund and the consequential in-year surplus distribution;
- (iv) the expenditure status of the Headquarters Capital Fund, the Termination Benefit Fund, the Training and Development Fund, the Technical Cooperation Fund, and extra-budgetary programmes; and
- (v) noted the summary and the Secretary-General's conclusion and his intention to present an updated review of budgetary prospects to C 113.

4(e).3 The Council noted the impact of the exchange rate movement on the financing capacity of the WCF and endorsed the Secretary-General's proposal, as recommended by the External Auditor, to set the financing capacity of the WCF at a minimum base of £1.5 million and that any depletion below such a level, as at the end of a financial year, should trigger action by the Council to replenish the WCF up to £2 million from any available reserves in the Organization's various Funds.

4(e).4 The Council 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.

**Reference documents:** C 112/4(e); A 28/19(c) and Add.1, resolution A.1063(28)

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## **5 IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME (agenda item 5)**

5.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 112/5 and C 112/5/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on the IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

5.2 With regard to document C 112/5 reporting on the progress made in the implementation of the Audit Scheme since C 110, the Council, in particular:

- (i) noted that 84 Member States had so far volunteered for audit, representing 50% of the Membership of the Organization and 67 audits had been conducted, which included 59 Member States, two Associate Members, five dependent territories and a second audit of a Member State;
- (ii) noted that the transitional arrangements for the conduct of audits pursuant to resolution A.1068(28) had commenced; and
- (iii) noted the delivery of technical assistance to Member States as envisaged in resolution A.1018(26).

5.3 With regard to document C 112/5/1 reporting on the outcome of the twenty-eighth regular session of the Assembly with respect to the institutionalization of the Audit Scheme, the Council:

- (i) noted the value of the Secretariat in facilitating support to the audit teams and ensuring effective, consistent implementation of the overall Audit Scheme;
- (ii) noted the information provided in the context of the sustainability of the Scheme and invited Member States to nominate suitably qualified individuals as auditors, taking into account the criteria established in the Procedures for the Scheme, and requested the Secretary-General to notify Member States of those auditors nominated who did not meet the criteria established in the Procedures for the Scheme;
- (iii) considered the three options for the conduct of mandatory audits under the Scheme in relation to their potential financial implications and, taking into account the opinion of the Secretary-General, decided on option 3;
- (iv) decided that the cost of the travel of audit teams to Member States being audited would be borne out of the regular budget of the Organization, but the cost of in-country travel of the audit team would be the responsibility of the Member State being audited;
- (v) endorsed the policy that the funding of audits of dependant territories and extraterritorial offices of maritime administrations should be covered by the Member State concerned;
- (vi) noted the audit schedule for implementation of audits under the mandatory Scheme as developed by the Secretary-General in accordance with the set of principles contained in the Procedures for the IMO Member States audit (resolution A.1067(28), annex, part II), as set out in document C 112/INF.3, and invited Member States to submit proposals to ensure that the audit schedule can be conducted in the most efficient manner possible, for consideration at C 113; and
- (vii) noted the information on the preparatory work for the institutionalization of the Scheme.

**Reference documents:** C 112/5, C 112/5/1; C 112/INF.3, C 110/7/1, C 110/D, C 102/6/1, A 28/9/2, A 28/6(b)/2, A 28/D and resolutions A.1067(28) and A.1068(28)

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## **6 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (agenda item 6)**

6.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 112/6 and Corr.1, 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-sixth session (31 March to 4 April 2014).

6.2 The Council endorsed the intersessional meetings approved for 2014 and 2015, but decided that the intersessional meeting relating to the Polar Code should meet for three days, and limit its activities to finalizing the outcome of the work of the correspondence group established at MEPC 66.

6.3 The Council also noted:

- (i) the adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- (ii) the action taken on issues related to the BWM Convention;
- (iii) the action taken on issues related to ship recycling;
- (iv) the action taken on issues related to air pollution and energy efficiency measure for ships, in particular the establishment of the Ad Hoc Expert Working Group on Facilitation of Transfer of Technology for Ships (AHEWG-TT);
- (v) the action taken on issues related to further technical and operational measures for enhancing energy efficiency of international shipping;
- (vi) the action taken on issues related to the reduction of GHG emissions from international shipping;
- (vii) the action taken on the interpretations of, and amendments to, MARPOL and related instruments;

- (viii) the action taken on issues related to the implementation of the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol and relevant conference resolutions;
- (ix) the action taken on issues related to the inadequacy of reception facilities;
- (x) the action taken on the reports of relevant sub-committees, in particular with regard to the development of the mandatory Polar Code;
- (xi) the action taken on issues related to the human element, in particular the deletion of this item from its agenda in view of the mandate of the HTW Sub-Committee;
- (xii) the action taken on issues related to the noise from commercial shipping and its adverse impact on marine life;
- (xiii) the action taken with regard to planned outputs 5.2.3.6, 5.3.1.1, 7.2.2.1, 10.0.1.1 and 10.0.1.2 as well as the information clarifying the acceptance process for outputs 7.1.2.9 and 7.2.3.2 at previous MEPC sessions; and
- (xiv) the status of planned outputs concerning the work of the MEPC for the 2014-2015 biennium and the items included in the agendas of MEPC 67 and MEPC 68.

6.4 The Council approved the report of the sixty-sixth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and decided to transmit it, together with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-ninth regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

**Reference documents:** C 112/6 and Corr.1; MEPC 66/21

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## **7 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE (agenda item 7)**

7.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/7, and that provided orally by the Chairman of the Legal Committee and the Secretary-General, on the report of the Committee's 101st session (28 April to 2 May 2014).

7.2 The Council endorsed the Committee's decisions on planned outputs for the 2014-2015 biennium, and that three days should be adequate for its meeting in 2015.

7.3 The Council noted:

- (i) the reconstitution of the HNS Correspondence Group to facilitate the entry into force of the 2010 HNS Protocol; and
- (ii) the Committee's approval of the *Guidelines for accepting documentation from insurance companies, financial security providers and P&I Clubs in respect of the Bunkers Convention, CLC, HNS Convention and Nairobi WRC certificates.*

7.4 The Council approved the report of the 101st session of the Legal Committee and decided to transmit it, together with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-ninth regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

**Reference documents:** C 112/7; LEG 101/12

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

8.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/8, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General, on the report of the Committee's ninety-third session (14 to 23 May 2014).

8.2 With regard to document C 112/8, reporting on the Committee's ninety-third session, the Council, in particular, endorsed:

- (i) the unplanned and expanded outputs agreed at the session for inclusion in the current High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium; and
- (ii) the intersessional meetings approved for 2014 and 2015.

8.3 The Council noted:

- (i) the adoption by the Committee of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and the mandatory codes and resolutions related thereto, the

- amendments to the 1978 STCW Convention and STCW Code, the amendments to the 1988 Load Lines Protocol, and the approval/adoption of non-mandatory instruments;
- (ii) the progress made on the implementation of GBS verification audits, in particular that 13 recognized organizations (ROs) submitted requests for GBS verification audits at the end of 2013;
  - (iii) the actions taken by the Committee on issues related to passenger ship safety and, in particular, the clarification provided regarding the status and purpose of the long-term action plan on passenger ship safety;
  - (iv) the approval of the IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code);
  - (v) the approval of the draft new SOLAS chapter XIV (to make the Polar Code mandatory), for circulation in accordance with SOLAS article VIII, with a view to adoption at MSC 94 in conjunction with the adoption of the Polar Code;
  - (vi) the approval, in principle, of the draft International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters, for consideration at MSC 94 with a view to adoption in conjunction with the associated SOLAS amendments;
  - (vii) the decision taken to migrate the list of codes, recommendations, guidelines and other non-mandatory instruments finalized by the Committees (MSC 93/INF.2) into GISIS and that relevant IMO bodies have been invited, when developing a new instrument, to consider the consequential impact of its approval and/or adoption on existing non-mandatory instruments so that the above list can be kept updated;
  - (viii) the Committee approved revisions to the Committees' *Guidelines on the organization and method of work* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.4/Rev.2), subject to concurrent approval by MEPC 67, for dissemination as MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.4/Rev.3;

- (ix) that the Secretariat has been requested to consider how best to add a new section in IMODOCS for draft amendments to mandatory instruments agreed by IMO organs for adoption and to report to MEPC 67 and MSC 94 accordingly;
- (x) the report on the status of planned outputs for the 2014-2015 biennium; and
- (xi) the updated post-biennial agenda of the Maritime Safety Committee.

8.4 The Council further noted the Committee's agreement to reinstate the four-yearly cycle of amendments to SOLAS, commencing 1 January 2016, with a corresponding entry-into-force date of 1 January 2020, and its adoption of interim guidance on the drafting of amendments to SOLAS and related mandatory instruments.

8.5 The Council approved the report of the ninety-third session of the Maritime Safety Committee and decided to transmit it, together with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-ninth regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

8.6 The Council noted with concern the information provided by the delegations of Italy, Malta and the Marshall Islands on the occurrences of large numbers of persons having to be rescued at sea and transported to places of safety.

**Reference documents:** C 112/8; MSC 93/22, MSC 93/22/Add.1

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## **9 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 9)**

9.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/9 and C 112/9/Add.1, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman of the Technical Cooperation Committee and the Secretary-General, on the report of the Committee's sixty-fourth session (11 to 13 June 2014).

9.2 In particular, the Council noted:

- (i) the summary of the deliberations of the sixty-fourth session of the Committee set out in document C 112/9/Add.1; and

- (ii) that the report of the sixty-fourth session of the Committee did not contain any recommendations on which the Council was required to take specific action.

9.3 The Council approved the report of the sixty-fourth session of the Technical Cooperation Committee and decided to transmit it, together with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-ninth regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

**Reference documents:** C 112/9, C 112/9/Add.1; TC 64/WP.1, TC 64/14

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## **10 TECHNICAL COOPERATION FUND – REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE 2012 AND 2013 PROGRAMMES (agenda item 10)**

10.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/10, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, which refers to the technical cooperation activities delivered during 2012 and 2013 with financial support provided by the Technical Cooperation Fund.

10.2 In particular, the Council noted the information presented in documents TC 63/3(a) and TC 64/3 on the implementation of activities financed or co-financed by the Technical Cooperation Fund, as listed under the ITCP annual reports on 2012 and 2013.

**Reference documents:** C 112/10; TC 64/3, TC 63/3(a)

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## **11 WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY (agenda item 11)**

### **(a) Report of the Board of Governors (agenda item 11(a))**

11(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/11(a), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the report of the Board of Governors on the work of the World Maritime University (WMU) during the 2013 academic year.

11(a).2 The Council expressed its deep appreciation to the Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö for their continuous generous contribution to the University. It also expressed its appreciation to the Nippon Foundation and the Ocean Policy Research Foundation of

Japan; the International Transport Workers' Federation; the Governments of Canada, Germany, the Republic of Korea, and the United Kingdom; Inmarsat Global Ltd.; and the TK Foundation for their contributions to the finances of WMU, as well as to all other Governments, organizations and individuals for their contribution to the running of the University.

11(a).3 The Council also:

- (i) strongly urged Member States and shipping industry stakeholders to contact WMU to establish what they can offer, in terms of equipment and facilities, to support the transition to a new Academic Campus in Malmö in early 2015;
- (ii) expressed its thanks and appreciation to the Government of Sweden for recognizing the University as having the power to confer degrees in Sweden; and
- (iii) urged Member States to take action so as to enable recognition, under their national legislation, of the degrees conferred by the University and, to that end, keep the Organization informed of developments.

11(a).4 The Council expressed its appreciation to Dr. Björn Kjerfve for his outstanding services, leadership and achievements as WMU President and for his contribution to the efforts of the Organization in educating the maritime leaders of the future.

**Reference documents:** C 112/11(a); C 110/15(a), C 110/15(b)

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**(b) Budget (agenda item 11(b))**

11(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/11(b), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the budget of WMU for the year 2014.

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

- (i) welcomed the efforts of the management of the University to attract additional income; and

- (ii) reiterated its appreciation to those Governments and organizations that supported the University financially.

**Reference documents:** C 112/11(b)

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**(c) Appointment of the Chancellor (agenda item 11(c))**

11(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/11(c), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the appointment of the Chancellor of WMU.

11(c).2 The Council decided, by acclamation, to reappoint the Secretary-General of IMO, Mr. Koji Sekimizu, as Chancellor of the University for the two-year period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2016, and extended its congratulations to him on his appointment.

**Reference documents:** C 112/11(c); resolution A.1030(26), C 108/D, C 108/12(d)

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**12 IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE (agenda item 12)**

**(a) Report of the Governing Board (agenda item 12(a))**

12(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/12(a), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, regarding the twenty-fifth annual report of the Governing Board of the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on its academic operations for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

12(a).2 The Council congratulated the Institute on its twenty-fifth year anniversary, expressing its appreciation to all those contributing to the Institute delivering good results in pursuing its objectives, and to the IMLI academic and administrative staff for their determined and dedicated efforts to ensure IMLI's performance and financial stability.

12(a).3 The Council also:

- (i) recognized the essential role the Institute continued to play in contributing to strengthening the capacity of developing countries to implement the various IMO treaty instruments to which they are party; and

- (ii) reaffirmed its continuous support to the Institute, in recognition of its success in maintaining high academic standards in the field of international maritime law.

**Reference documents:** C 112/12(a)

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

12(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/12(b), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the IMLI budget for the 2013 and 2014 financial years, together with that proposed for 2015, as reviewed by IMLI's Governing Board at its twenty-eighth session on 29 April 2014.

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

- (i) noted the "unqualified" nature of the audit on the Institute's financial performance up to the end of 2013; and
- (ii) expressed its appreciation to all donors, which had financially supported and continued to support the Institute, particularly the Government of Malta, Transport Malta, the Nippon Foundation, the Lloyd's Register Foundation, the Government of Switzerland, the Comité Maritime International (CMI) Charitable Trust and the Institute's Director, Professor David Attard, for his donation to support the Ph.D Programme.

**Reference documents:** C 112/12(b)

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**(c) Appointment of the Chairman of the Governing Board (agenda item 12(c))**

12(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 112/12(c) on the appointment of the Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board.

12(c).2 In particular, the Council noted the provision in article 10(b) of the new Statute of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, adopted by the Council at its 110th session and effective from 1 July 2013, which stipulates that the Secretary-General shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Governing Board and, therefore, was no longer subject to being appointed.

**Reference documents:** C 112/12(c); Circular Letter No.3326; C 109/D, C 109/9; C 108/D, C 108/13(d)

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### **13 PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES (agenda item 13)**

13.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 112/13 and C 112/13/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the protection of vital shipping lanes.

13.2 With regard to document C 112/13, reporting on developments concerning the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, the Council:

- (i) expressed its appreciation to the littoral States of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore for the timely implementation of the various components of the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore;
- (ii) also expressed appreciation to those Member Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations which have made contributions to, and/or pledged support for, the various projects under the Cooperative Mechanism and the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Fund; and
- (iii) invited Member Governments and organizations to continue contributing to the projects under the Mechanism and the Fund.

13.3 With regard to document C 112/13/1, reporting on the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activity in the Gulf of Guinea and in waters off the coast of Somalia, the Council:

- (i) welcomed the improvements to the piracy situation off the coast of Somalia and in the Indian Ocean and expressed appreciation to Member States providing naval and other resources in the region;
- (ii) expressed its concern for the innocent seafarers still in captivity as well as the number of attacks and boardings of ships in the Gulf of Guinea; and

- (iii) invited Member Governments and organizations to continue contributing to the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund and expressed appreciation to Nigeria for its pledge of \$100,000 to that Fund and of \$50,000 to the Technical Cooperation Fund.

**Reference documents:** C 112/13, C 112/13/1; C 110/D

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#### **14 PERIODIC REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS IN MANDATORY IMO INSTRUMENTS (agenda item 14)**

14.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 112/14, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Steering Group for Reducing Administrative Requirements (SG-RAR), on the periodic review of administrative requirements in mandatory IMO instruments.

14.2 In particular, the Council:

- (i) noted the fourth report of the Steering Group contained in the annex to document C 112/14; and
- (ii) endorsed the Steering Group's views on the release of the public version of the final report, i.e. that a report is made to the Council and a separate report that is more concise, easily accessible and understandable is produced for stakeholders and the general public, and that the latter would be available on IMO's public homepage.

14.3 The Council expressed its appreciation to the Government of the Netherlands for its kind offer to contribute financially to the completion of the work of the Steering Group.

14.4 The Council further expressed its appreciation to the Chairman of the Steering Group, Mr. Kees Polderman (Netherlands) and wished the members of the Steering Group all the best for the final part of its work.

**Reference documents:** C 112/14; A 28/D; C/ES.27/D; C 110/D; C 109/D; C 108/D and resolution A.1043(27)

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**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 contained in documents C 112/15(a) and C 112/15(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 resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, which contain information of relevance to IMO, received since the 110th session of the Council; and
- (ii) the outcome of the work of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination, including its first regular session for 2014.

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

**Reference documents:** C 112/15(a), C 112/15(a)/1

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