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**DRAFT SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

**GENERAL**

The 113th session of the Council was held from 1 to 5 December 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 113/INF.1.]*

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**EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES**

The Secretary-General, on behalf of the Council, extended his condolences to the families of all those who lost their lives, and to all crew affected by the sinking of the **Oryong No. 501** in the Bering Sea off the east coast of Russia on 1 December 2014 and praised the significant rescue efforts conducted by the Russian Federation.

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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 document C 113/1/Rev.1, and noted the annotations to the agenda contained in document C 113/1/1.

**Reference documents:** C 113/1/Rev.1 and C 113/1/1

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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 the delegations of all Council members attending the session were found to be in order.

**Reference documents:** C 113/1/Rev.1 and C 113/1/1

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

3.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 113/3, C 113/3/1, C 113/3/2, C 113/3/3, C 113/3/4, C 113/3/5, C 113/3/6/Rev.1 (submitted by the United Kingdom), C 113/3/7, C 113/3/8 and C 113/3/9, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the President of the Strategic Management Institute.

3.2 With regard to document C 113/3 on the Report on the Fundamental Review of the Strategic Plan, the Council extended its sincere appreciation to Mr. Brazukas, President of the Strategic Management Institute, for the report presented and noted his recommendations. In particular, the Council decided as follows:

- (i) that the Strategic Plan should be reviewed to ensure simplicity and to make sure that it would continue to serve the Organization going forward;
- (ii) that the Strategic Plan should be fixed for a six-year period; and
- (iii) that in order to give proper consideration to the recommendations in the report, a working group will be established with the participation of all Member States.

**[more to follow, including ToR under agenda 16];**

3.3 With regard to document C 113/3/1 on the Review of the Performance Indicators (PIs) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), the Council noted the information provided.

3.4 In particular, the Council decided:

- (i) to suspend future analysis and presentation of PIs and KPIs in the current Strategic Plan; and
- (ii) not to apply the methodologies of medium level complexity proposed in document CWGSP 10/2(b) as a new methodology would have to be developed when new performance measures were agreed upon.

3.5 With regard to documents C 113/3/2 on the Status Report on the Progress of the Risk Management Process and C 113/3/3 on the Risk Management Framework, the Council noted the progress report regarding the risk management process and approved the revised Risk Management Framework for future iterations of the Secretariat's risk management exercises on the understanding that if changes are made to the Framework this would be reported to the Council by the Secretary-General.

3.6 With regard to document C 113/3/4 reporting on the status of planned outputs 2014-2015, the Council noted the information set out in the annex to the document.

3.7 With regard to document C 113/3/5 reporting on the status of the objectives of the Secretariat's Business Plan for the 2014-2015 biennium, the Council noted the information provided.

3.8 As for document C 113/3/6/Rev.1 (submitted by United Kingdom), containing the Report of the Correspondence Group on the Revision of the Guidelines on the Application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization, the Council noted the information provided.

3.9 The Council endorsed the use of mandatory language, where appropriate, within the *Guidelines on the Application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan*.

3.10 With regard to the guidelines, the Council decided:

- (i) that further work was needed to the proposed amendments to the guidelines contained in the annex to the document to ensure that flexibility is maintained to allow for prompt action should urgent matters arise;
- (ii) to consolidate the text intersessionally for consideration at C 114[, at which time the Council would decide how to finalize it for the next biennium];
- (iii) to establish a correspondence group, under the coordination of the United Kingdom; and  
**[more to follow – ToR under agenda 16]**
- (iv) to keep the proposed amendments to the guidelines contained in the annex to the document in abeyance until C 114.

3.11 The Council expressed its appreciation to the members of the correspondence group for the work completed thus far.

3.12 With regard to document C 113/3/7, on updating the Guidelines on the Council's organization and method of work, the Council requested the Secretary-General to make the proposed changes to its guidelines and method of work and to issue them as soon as possible.

3.13 With respect to document C 113/3/8 on the review and reform of the Organization, the Council noted the information provided and expressed its appreciation to the Secretary-General and his staff for their work and encouraged the Secretary-General to continue on this path of improvement.

3.14 With regard to document C113/3/9 on transparency and accountability of the Organization, the Council noted that an annual summary of internal audit activities undertaken and reports issued in 2014 would be published on the IMO public website in the first quarter of 2015 and on an annual basis thereafter.

**Reference documents:** C 113/3, C 113/3/1, C 113/3/2, C 113/3/3, C 113/3/4, C 113/3/5, C 113/3/6, C 113/3/7, C 113/3/8, C 113/3/9; C 112/D, C 112/3/4, C 112/3/5, C 112/INF.2, C 112/3, C 112/3/1, C 112/3/3; resolutions A.1060(28), A.1061(28), A.1062(28); C/ES.27/D, C/ES.27/3; C 110/D, C 110/WP.3, C 110/3/5, C 110/3/2, C 110/3/8, C 110/3/1, C 110/4(e), C 110/6; C/ES.25/D; CWGSP 10/2(b); Circular Letter No.3292; C 109/D, C 109/3/1 and C 109/4(d)

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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 113/4(a) and its addendum; C 113/4(a)/1, C 113/4(a)/2, C 113/4(a)/3 and C 113/INF.4, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on human resource matters and approved the amendment to staff rule 107.9.

4(a).2 The Council approved the implementation of the United Nations General Assembly decisions reflected therein with effect from the dates it has determined.

**Reference documents:** C 113/4(a) and addendum, C 113/4(a)/1, C 113/4(a)/2, C 113/4(a)/3, C 113/INF.4, C 113/4(c) and C 112/4(a)/1

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##### **(b) Report on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention (agenda item 4(b))**

4(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 113/4(b) and its addenda, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General reporting on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

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

- (i) noted the collection rate of Members 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 Working Capital Fund of £1,688,010.

**Reference documents:** C 113/4(b) and addenda

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**(c) Budget considerations for 2014 and 2015 (agenda item 4(c))**

4(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 113/4(c) and C 113/WP.2, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General concerning budget considerations for 2014 and 2015.

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

- (i) the review of external pay and price factors;
- (ii) the forecast outturn of regular budget expenditure for 2014, assessed to be kept within the approved appropriation;
- (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 (HQCF), the Termination Benefit Fund, the Training and Development Fund, the Technical Cooperation Fund and extrabudgetary programmes;
- (v) the preliminary consideration of the 2015 budget prospects for the regular budget, the Trading Fund, the Termination Benefit Fund, the Training and Development Fund and the Technical Cooperation Fund; and
- (vi) the summary, the Secretary-General's conclusion and his intention to present an updated review of budget prospects to C 114, which will also cover the status, financing and schedule of works of the sound system replacement project.

4(c).3 The Council endorsed the Secretary-General's proposal to bring forward to 2015 the project to replace the sound and simultaneous interpretation system in the Main Hall and in Committee Rooms 9 and 10.

4(c).4 The Council approved an increase in the 2015 expenditure under the HQCF authorized in resolution A.1063(28), from £950,000 to £2,840,000 as shown in table 1 of document C 113/WP.2, through transfers of underspends in the Organization's other Funds and without increasing the assessment on Member States for 2015.

4(c).5 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.

4(c).6 The Council expressed its appreciation to the delegation of China for its donation of \$150,000 to the World Maritime University, \$100,000 to the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) and \$100,000 to the West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund.

**Reference documents:** C 113/4(c), C113/WP.2; A 28/19(c), A 28/19(c)/Add.1; resolution A.1063(28) and C 112/4(e)

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#### **4 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:**

##### **(d) Results-based budget: outline of budgetary implications for 2016-2017 (agenda item 4(d))**

4(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 113/4(d) and C 113/WP.2, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General submitting an outline of budgetary implications for the Organization's results-based budget for the forthcoming biennium 2016-2017.

4(d).2 The Council noted:

- (i) the Secretary-General's initial outline to set the Organization's meetings' programme at the same number of weeks as for this biennium (32.6 weeks); and that he would provide data on the number of sessions of interpretation that this would entail;
- (ii) the Secretary-General's action and approach to address additional human resource requirements arising from the mandatory Member State Audit Scheme and the goal-based standards activities;
- (iii) the Secretary-General's proposal that the practice of automatically supplying two copies of every publication should be discontinued and, only on request by Member States, one free copy or electronic access to publications be provided and that he would submit further details of the associated costs and operational mechanisms;
- (iv) the proposed regular budget outline by object of expenditure prepared on the basis of ZNG for 2016 and ZRG of 1.6% for 2017, and the pay and price factors embedded in its calculation;
- (v) the proposed financing of the regular budget by Member States' assessments calculated on the basis of anticipated offsetting income, as indicated in table 10 of document C 113/4(d), aimed at delivering zero growth in assessments in each year of the next biennium;
- (vi) the proposed budget plan for other Funds of the Organization as presented in the revised table 11 shown in the annex to document C 113/WP.2, representing a biennial decrease of 5.9%; and
- (vii) that the proposed overall resource requirement for the next biennium under all Funds of the Organization (regular budget plus other Funds), would represent a biennial decrease of 0.2%, reflecting a cut of 3.7% for 2016 and an increase of 1.2% for 2017, as shown in the revised table 13 in the annex to document C 113/WP.2.



4(d).3 The Council further noted that the Secretary-General would provide to C 114, for its consideration, his results-based budget reflecting the conclusions and decisions of this session together with a draft Secretariat business plan and, if appropriate, a related draft Assembly resolution.

**Reference documents:** C 113/4(d), C 113/WP.2; C 109/4(e); C 112/5/1 and resolution A.1063(28)

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## **6 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 6)**

6.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 113/6, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman of the FAL Committee and the Secretary-General on the report of the Committee's thirty-ninth session (22 to 26 September 2014).

6.2 The Council endorsed:

- (i) the new outputs agreed at the session for inclusion in the High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2016-2017 biennium, with the following modifications:
  - (a) the title of the output contained in paragraph 13.2 of FAL 39/16 should read "Guidelines on the facilitation aspects of protecting the maritime transport network from cyberthreats"; and
  - (b) the title of planned output 8.0.2.1, as reflected in paragraph 13.4.2 of FAL 39/16, should read "Consideration and analysis of reports on information on persons rescued at sea and stowaways"; and
- (ii) the proposals for the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2016-2017 biennium for matters under the purview of the FAL Committee.

6.3 The Council noted:

- (i) the Committee's revised *Guidelines on the organization and method of work* (FAL.3/Circ.210);

- (ii) the approval of the amendments to the annex of the FAL Convention for circulation in accordance with article VII(2)(a) of the Convention with a view to adoption during FAL 40;
- (iii) the report on the status of planned outputs for the 2014-2015 biennium; and
- (iv) the updated post-biennial agenda of the FAL Committee.

6.4 The Council approved the report of the thirty-ninth session of the FAL 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 113/6 and FAL 39/16

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## **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 113/7, 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 sixty-seventh session (13 to 17 October 2014).

7.2 The Council endorsed the holding of an intersessional meeting of the ESPH Working Group in September/October 2016.

7.3 The Council also noted:

- (i) the action taken by the Committee on issues related to the BWM Convention;
- (ii) the action taken by the Committee on issues related to ship recycling;
- (iii) the action taken by the Committee on issues related to air pollution and energy efficiency measures for ships and the progress made by the Ad Hoc

Expert Working Group on Facilitation of Transfer of Technology for Ships (AHEWG-TT);

- (iv) the action taken by the Committee on issues related to further technical and operational measures for enhancing energy efficiency of international shipping;
- (v) the action taken by the Committee on issues related to the reduction of GHG emissions from international shipping, in particular the approval of the Third IMO GHG Study 2014 (paragraph 16);
- (vi) that the Committee adopted amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, III and VI;
- (vii) the action taken by the Committee on issues related to the review of nitrogen and phosphorus removal standards in the *2012 Guidelines on the implementation of effluent standards and performance tests for sewage treatment plants*;
- (viii) that the Committee approved the environmental provisions in the draft International Code for ships operating in polar waters (Polar Code), together with associated draft MARPOL amendments to make the environmental part of the Code mandatory;
- (ix) the action taken by the Committee on the reports of relevant sub-committees;
- (x) that the Committee approved the four thematic priorities relating to the protection of the marine environment for inclusion in the ITCP covering the 2016-2017 biennium;
- (xi) the biennial status report of the planned outputs of the MEPC for the 2014-2015 biennium;
- (xii) the plan of meeting-weeks for MSC and MEPC and their subsidiary bodies for the 2016-2017 biennium; and
- (xiii) the action taken by the Committee with regard to the application of the Committees' guidelines, in particular the concurrent approval of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.4/Rev.3 on *Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies*.

7.4 The Council approved the report of the sixty-seventh 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 113/7 and MEPC 67/20

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

8.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 113/8 as well as that provided orally by the Vice-Chairman of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General, on the report of the Committee's ninety-fourth session (17 to 21 November 2014).

8.2 The Council endorsed:

- (i) the unplanned outputs agreed at the session for inclusion in the High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium; and
- (ii) the intersessional meetings approved for 2015 and 2016.

8.3 The Council noted:

- (i) the adoption by the Committee of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and a mandatory code and resolutions related thereto, and the approval/adoption of non-mandatory instruments;
- (ii) the adoption by the Committee of the new chapter XIV to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and the safety-related provisions of the new mandatory International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code), both of which are expected to enter into force on 1 January 2017;
- (iii) the actions taken by the Committee on issues related to maritime security and, in particular, the ongoing work related to the development of national maritime security legislation and the discussions on measures to enhance maritime cybersecurity;

- (iv) the progress made on the implementation of GBS verification audits, in particular that five audit teams have been established and the verification audits on the 13 recognized organizations had started from the end of July 2013;
- (v) the actions taken by the Committee on issues related to passenger ship safety and, in particular, the approval of a new unplanned output on computerized stability support for the master in case of flooding and the inclusion of new items in the long-term action plan on passenger ship safety;
- (vi) the actions taken by the Committee on issues related to the outcome of NCSR 1 and, in particular, the approval to add a new item to the agenda of MSC 95 on "Performance review and audit of LRIT Data Centres", the developments in regard to maritime radiocommunications systems and technology, and the approval of the e-navigation Strategy Implementation Plan (SIP);
- (vii) the actions taken by the Committee on issues related to the outcome of III 1 and, in particular, on matters related to the preparation for the third meeting of the Joint IMO/FAO Working Group on IUU Fishing and Related Matters;
- (viii) that all three United Nations organizations have approved the IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code) and the Informative Materials related thereto, which will be disseminated by MSC.1/Circ.1497 and MSC.1/Circ.1498, respectively, and made available on the UNECE website;
- (ix) the approval of the draft amendments to SOLAS and the Protocols of 1978 and 1988 related thereto (to make the IGF Code mandatory), for circulation in accordance with SOLAS article VIII, with a view to adoption at MSC 95 in conjunction with the IGF Code;
- (x) the approval, in principle, of the draft International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code), for consideration at

MSC 95, with a view to adoption in conjunction with the associated SOLAS and Protocol amendments;

- (xi) that the Committee approved draft amendments to the Committees' Guidelines on the organization and method of work (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.4/Rev.3), subject to concurrent approval by MEPC 68, for dissemination as MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.4/Rev.4 and referred it to the Correspondence Group on the Guidelines on the Application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization (GAP) (see paragraph 3.10(iii) of this document);
- (xii) the decision taken in regard to piracy and armed robbery against ships;
- (xiii) the decisions taken in regard to notifications and circulation through GISIS for mandatory reporting requirements, that a new section in IMODOCS has been added for draft amendments to mandatory instruments agreed by IMO organs for adoption and the impact assessment of the review and reform initiative on the work of the Committee;
- (xiv) that the Committee approved the *Guidance on drafting of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and related mandatory instruments* (MSC.1/Circ.1500) and instructed its subsidiary bodies to start using the guidance with immediate effect;
- (xv) the approval of amendments to the continuous outputs identified by C/ES.27;
- (xvi) the biennial status report of the Maritime Safety Committee;
- (xvii) the updated post-biennial agenda of the Maritime Safety Committee;
- (xviii) that the proposed number of meeting-weeks for the coming biennium will be 21 planned meeting-weeks, for inclusion in the Secretary-General's relevant budget proposals for the biennium 2016-2017; and

- (xix) that the Committee agreed to the safety and security-related thematic priorities for the ITCP covering the 2016-2017 biennium.

8.4 With regard to the number of meeting-days of MSC, the Council further noted that the Committee approved eight days for MSC 96 (May 2016), five days for MSC 97 (December 2016) and eight days for MSC 98 (June 2017), for inclusion in the Secretary-General's relevant budget proposals for the biennium 2016-2017.

8.5 The Council approved the report of the ninety-fourth 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.

**Reference documents:** C 113/8; MSC 94/21 and addenda

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## **9 REPORT ON THE 36TH CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE LONDON CONVENTION 1972 AND THE 9TH MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE 1996 PROTOCOL TO THE LONDON CONVENTION (agenda item 9)**

9.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 113/9, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman-elect of the governing bodies to the London Convention and Protocol and the Secretary-General on the report on the thirty-sixth Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972 and the ninth Meeting of Contracting Parties to the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention.

9.2 The Council agreed to the convening of the eighth session of the Compliance Group, scheduled tentatively for 8 and 9 October 2015, to be held immediately prior to the next meetings of the governing bodies.

9.3 The Council noted:

- (i) the status of the London Convention and London Protocol and, in particular, the slow rate of accessions to the Protocol and its recent amendments;
- (ii) the approval of two guidance documents following the adoption of resolution LP.4(8), in 2013;

- (iii) the slow rate of acceptance of the 2009 amendment to article 6 of the London Protocol;
- (iv) the action taken on marine disposal of tailings and associated wastes from mining operations;
- (v) the action taken on deep-sea mining;
- (vi) the action taken with regard to the twenty-five-year scientific review of all radioactive wastes and other radioactive matter;
- (vii) the progress made on other items relating to the work of the governing bodies of the London Convention and Protocol since the twenty-seventh extraordinary session of Council; and
- (viii) the convening of the next joint session of the Scientific Groups, scheduled tentatively for 20 to 24 April 2015, at IMO Headquarters.

**Reference document:** C 113/9

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## **10 PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES (agenda item 10)**

10.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 113/10 and C113/10/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on the protection of vital shipping lanes.

10.2 With regard to document C 113/10, 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 in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore;
- (ii) also expressed its 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.

10.3 With regard to document C 113/10/1, the Council:

- (i) expressed its concern for the number of attacks and boarding of ships in the Gulf of Guinea;
- (ii) expressed its appreciation to Member Governments and organizations for contributing to the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to that Fund;
- (iii) welcomed improvements in the piracy situation off the coast of Somalia and in the Indian Ocean but expressed grave concern over the continuing threat of piracy in those areas, and expressed appreciation to Member States providing naval and other resources in the region;
- (iv) expressed its concern for the innocent seafarers still in captivity; and
- (v) thanked Mr. Yoshiaki Ito, Mr. Phil Holihead and the staff of the PIU for their good work.

**Reference documents:** C 113/10, C 113/10/1; C 112/D, Section 13

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## **12 EXTERNAL RELATIONS (agenda item 12)**

### **(a) Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies (agenda item 12(a))**

12(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 113/12(a), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on matters of relevance to IMO as discussed at the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (ICP) at its fifteenth meeting held from 27 to 30 May 2014.

12(a).2 The Council requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of any relevant developments on the issues just addressed.

**Reference document:** C 113/12(a)

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**(b) Joint Inspection Unit (agenda item 12(b))**

12(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 113/12(b), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General on matters relating to the Joint Inspection Unit.

12(b).2 In particular, the Council noted the report on "Post-Rio+20 review of environmental governance within the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/2014/4) and the Secretary-General's comments thereon.

**Reference document:** C 113/12(b)

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**(c) Relations with intergovernmental organizations (agenda item 12(c))**

No document submitted.

**(d) Relations with non-governmental organizations (agenda item 12(d))**

12(d).1 The Council noted the information contained in document C 113/12(d), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on relations with non-governmental organizations.

12(d).2 The Council decided to grant consultative status to the International Water Mist Association (IWMA).

12(d).3 The Council further decided that, within the classification of organizations in consultative status by interests/activity, IWMA is placed under the category of "Standards".

12(d).4 The Council noted the amalgamation between the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Shipping Federation (ISF), as well as the decision to

operate at IMO under the banner of ICS. The Council also decided to withdraw ISF's consultative status with IMO and to advise the Assembly accordingly.

**Reference document:** C 113/12(d)

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**(e) Day of the Seafarer (agenda item 12(e))**

12(e).1 The Council noted the information contained in documents C 113/12(e), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the celebration of the Day of the Seafarer, on 25 June 2014.

12(e).2 The Council expressed its appreciation to all those whose hard work contributed to the successful celebrations of the Day.

**Reference documents:** C 113/12(e); resolution A.1033(27) and Circular Letters Nos.3433 and 3441

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**(f) Report on World Maritime Day 2014 (agenda item 12(f))**

12(f).1 The Council noted the information contained in documents C 113/12(f), C 113/12(f)/1 and that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegation of Morocco on the 2014 World Maritime Day and expressed its appreciation to all those involved in the preparation and arrangements made for its celebration.

12(f).2 The Council noted, in particular, the very worthwhile contributions made by various Member Governments, organizations and individuals to the success of the Day, by their attendance at the reception held at IMO Headquarters and through events organized by them, and the kind and meaningful messages sent to the Secretary-General on the occasion.

12(f).3 The Council further noted, with appreciation, that the tenth World Maritime Day parallel event was successfully hosted by the Government of Morocco, in Tangier, from 27 to 29 October 2014. The Council also expressed its appreciation to the Government of Morocco for hosting a successful event, to the Member Governments and international organizations which sent representatives to attend it, and to the media for covering it.

12(f).4 The Council reiterated its appreciation to the Governments of Japan and Turkey for offering to host the 2015 and 2016 parallel events, respectively.

12(f).5 The Council accepted, with appreciation, the offer made by the Governments of Panama to host the 2017 parallel event, Poland to host the 2018 parallel event and Colombia to host the 2019 parallel event.

12(f).6 The Council noted, with appreciation, the offers made by the Governments of South Africa and the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the parallel events in 2020 and 2021, respectively, and would await their formal offers to be transmitted to the Secretary-General.

**Reference documents:** C 113/12(f), C 113/12(f)/1; C 112/D and Circular Letter No.3469

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**(g) IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea (agenda item 12(g))**

12(g).1 The Council noted the information contained in document C 113/12(g) and its addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on revisions to the *Guidelines for the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea*.

12(g).2 With respect to document C 113/12(g), the Council approved the revision to paragraph 3 of the guidelines by specifying that, except in the most extraordinary circumstances, the nominated rescues should occur at sea or those rescued should emanate from a vessel.

12(g).3 With regard to document C 113/12(g)/Add.1, the Council approved the revision to paragraph 6 of the guidelines, replacing the International Shipping Federation (ISF) by the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) in the composition of the Assessment Panel, in view of the decision taken by the Council, under item 12(d), to withdraw the consultative status of ISF; and the update of paragraph 6 to reflect the current composition of the other members of the Assessment Panel.

**Reference document:** C 113/12(g) and addendum

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