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## EXTERNAL RELATIONS

### (d) Relations with non-governmental organizations

#### Note by the Secretary-General

##### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* This document provides additional information concerning the application for consultative status submitted by the International Water Mist Association (IWMA), as requested by the Council, at its 112th session. It also transmits information about the merger between the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Shipping Federation (ISF).

*Strategic direction:* 1.1

*High-level action:* 1.2.1

*Planned output:* 1.2.1.1

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 6

*Related documents:* C 112/15(d), C 112/WP.2, C 112/D and C 113/12(g)/Add.1

#### Application for consultative status previously considered by the Council

1 The Council may recall, at its 112th session, deferring its decision regarding the application for consultative status submitted by the International Water Mist Association (IWMA) to its 113th session, pending the provision by IWMA of further information in relation to paragraphs 8, 14 and 15 of the IMO questionnaire associated with the Rules and Guidelines for Consultative Status of Non-Governmental International Organizations.

2 The Council may also recall that it requested IWMA to comply with the "One China" policy and to amend its website accordingly.

3 IWMA was informed of the Council's requests by letter dated 20 June 2014. The response received from IWMA regarding the additional information requested is reproduced in annex 1.<sup>1</sup> IWMA also informed the Secretariat that it has addressed the "One China" policy issue on its website.

### **Merger of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Shipping Federation (ISF)**

4 In a letter dated 13 August 2014, the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) informed the Secretary-General of the completion of the amalgamation between ICS and the International Shipping Federation (ISF), as well as of the decision by the Board to operate at IMO under the banner of ICS, with effect from 1 November 2014. This letter is reproduced in annex 2.

5 Under rule 10 of the Rules and Guidelines for Consultative Status of Non-Governmental International Organizations with the International Maritime Organization, the Council may withdraw the consultative status from an organization if, in its opinion, the organization concerned has ceased to be adequately representative of the interests which it purports to represent as a result of the merger of that organization with another organization enjoying consultative status with IMO. In line with this rule, should the Council decide to withdraw ISF's consultative status with IMO, this decision would be reported to the twenty-ninth session of the Assembly, in November 2015, for its endorsement so that ISF may be formally excised from the Assembly's list of organizations with consultative status. In the interim, the Secretariat will communicate only with ICS.

### **Action requested of the Council**

6 The Council is invited to consider the information provided in this document with respect to:

- .1 the International Water Mist Association (IWMA) – and decide as it may deem appropriate; and
- .2 the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Shipping Federation (ISF) – and decide to withdraw ISF's consultative status with IMO.

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<sup>1</sup> The use of particular designations of countries or territories in these annexes does not imply any expression or opinion or judgement by IMO as to the legal status of such countries or territories, or of their authorities and institutions or of the delimitation of their boundaries, nor should it be construed as an endorsement or recommendation on the part of IMO.

## ANNEX 1

### INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)

#### QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) APPLYING FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH IMO

In completing this questionnaire, the NGO should take into account the Rules and Guidelines on Consultative Status for Non-Governmental International Organizations with the International Maritime Organization.

**1. Name and acronym of the NGO:**

(IWMA) International Water Mist Association

**2. Address of headquarters:**

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Website: www.iwma.net

**3. Addresses of all branches and/or regional headquarters:**

No further branches and/or regional headquarters

**4. Name and contact details of a point of contact for the purposes of the application:**

Bettina McDowell, address please see above, email: mcdowell@iwma.net

**5. Aims and purposes of the NGO (as set forth in its Constitution, Statutes or By-Laws; please provide an electronic copy separately):**

Please find articles of the association attached, marked yellow

**6. a. Length of time the NGO has been in existence:**

Date of founding: 15th April 1998

**b. History of the NGO:**

The IWMA was founded in Germany on 15th April 1998. It has been running an office since the year 2000. Since 2001 it organizes an annual conference which so far has been held in Central Europe. Up until 2012 the office has been in East Germany, it has moved to Hamburg in September 2012. The IWMA was founded to promote water mist and related technologies and has been and still is the first and only association dedicated to water mist technology.

Over the years all major manufacturers and scientific institutes being involved in water mist have become and are members of the IWMA.

**7. Recent and planned activities:**

Annual conference on water mist, last one in Paris in October 2013, next one in Istanbul in October 2014. Seminars on water mist in 2013 Dubai, UAE in January 2013 during intersec; Paris, France in April 2013; Hvidovre, Denmark in May 2013. Seminars on water mist in 2014, Dubai, UAE in January 2014. Planned seminars on water mist in 2014, Lund, Sweden in September 2014; Regional seminar for Germany, Austria and Switzerland, venue to be determined, October 2014. Booth at the NFPA Convention and Exhibition in Chicago, USA in June 2013; Booth at intersec 2014 in Dubai, UAE. Research project on water mist (please find project specifications attached). Market survey on water mist in preparation, to be carried out during the 1st half of 2015.

**8. Descriptive statement of the extent to which the purposes of the NGO relate to those of IMO, in particular what contribution the NGO can make to the work of IMO, including its technical cooperation programme:**

One of the areas where water mist systems can be installed is the maritime and off-shore sector. In fact back in 2009 the IWMA organized a research project on behalf of IMO. This project was carried out by SINTEF (IWMA member) and was entitled: scaling of fire suppression characteristics in machinery spaces. Cooperations like this are possible also in future. As the IWMA members are all experts on water mist – many of them independent – IMO could profit from their expertise. Some manufacturing members actually concentrate on the maritime and off-shore sector.

Typical IMO topics are discussed within the IWMA on a regular basis. The members of the IWMA represent those bodies, companies etc. with the broadest expertise in active fire-fighting systems on board of ships.

IWMA offers its members and also its cooperation partners access to the IWMA scientific council for technical support, consultation and advice. The scientific council is a committee which currently consists of seven experts from different countries and different focal points:

- Hong-Zen (Bert) Yu, FM Global Research, USA (chairman)
- Magnus Arvidson, SP Fire Research, Sweden
- Are W. Brandt, SP Fire Research Norway
- Arnaud Breton, CNPP, France
- Dr. Siaka Dembele, Kingston University London, UK
- Louise Jackman, Building Research Establishment Ltd, UK
- Bjarne Husted, Lund University, Sweden

Apart from these experts a number of institutes are members of the IWMA. Contacts between these institutes and IMO could be established if necessary.

**9. Structure:**

Board: one chairman, one vice-chairman, five board members; scientific council: one chairman, six other members; corporate members (manufacturers, institutes, insurers etc.), private members, supporting members, honourable members, association secretary.

**10. Membership (nature of membership, name of members and country where their main offices are based):**

Please find list of members attached – since our first application we have accepted the following new members:

Cevsad, Turkey (corporate member)  
Collaborative Risk Application, South Africa (corporate member)  
Mohamed Hamdy Sorour, Egypt (private member)  
Anwar N. Khajawa, United Arab Emirates (private member)  
Kenneth Steenberg Jaquet, Denmark (private member)  
Anders Lyhne Mose, Denmark (private member)  
50% of these new members are from non-European countries

**11. Officers (members of the board):**

Ragnar Wighus (SINTEF/chairman of the board), Dirk Sprakel (FOGTEC/vice-chairman of the board), other board members: Luciano Nigro (Marioff), Jonathan Carter (FM Global), Erik Christensen (Novenco Fire-Fighting), Henrik Bygbjerg (Danfoss Semco), Carsten Palle (VID Fire-Kill)

**12. Indicate whether the NGO is a member of, affiliated to, or otherwise associated with another non-governmental international organization which enjoys consultative status or has other forms of association with IMO:**

No

**13. Relations with intergovernmental organizations:**

CEN (European Committee for Standardization)

**14. Indicate by what means IMO could participate in the NGO's activities:**

IMO would be most welcome to give presentations at the annual conference or seminars. If IWMA would be accepted by IMO, IWMA would inform IMO about IWMA events and the IMO speakers could talk about such topics as "water mist in the marine sector" and could thus introduce IMO's work to those which are interested in fire protection and firefighting with water mist. This way IMO could promote its work and also water mist systems would get a further push and this is something that I believe IMO as well as for example manufacturers of water mist systems (also non-members of IWMA) would appreciate / IMO and IWMA could work together on projects. Here both ways would be possible, which means that IWMA could approach IMO and vice versa whenever a project comes up that would be interesting for the other partner. This could be a demonstration of water mist during one of the IMO sessions as has taken place with water mist lances, but this could also be something bigger than the project on scaling of fire suppression characteristics in machinery spaces. An annual meeting would be a good idea to talk about the progress within water mist technology and ideas that IMO may have to actually come up with something more concrete / IMO and IWMA could join forces when it comes to publications or surveys etc. Joint publications could arise from both previous points (presentations at events and joint projects) During an annual meeting concrete plans for publications could be manifested. And the IWMA is planning to carry out a surveys on water mist technology to be carried out in early 2015. IMO could still add questions to the questionnaire and would of course then be informed about the outcome.

**15. Indicate by what means the NGO will promote and disseminate the principles and work of IMO:**

Updates on standards, test methods and regulations as well as topics related to the development of these as well as through presentation at the International Water Mist Conference, also through publications.

The results from anything that has been mentioned could and should be published on the IWMA webpage as well as in magazines etc. The more fruitful the work of IWMA and IMO is the more likely it would become to develop an IMO section on the IWMA webpage for example. Members of the IWMA board and/or the association secretary could indeed go to conferences and events of other organisations to speak about the work of IMO and IWMA.

**16. Finance (source of funding and evidence of financial sustainability):**

The IWMA finances its office, activities such as conference, seminars, projects, surveys with membership fees, sponsorships for seminars and conference and admission fees

**17. List of publications and/or other relevant documentation:**

Please see articles attached as well as the list of articles on the IWMA homepage (publications)

**18. Additional information which the NGO may wish to provide:**

For all further information please see homepage. This homepage has been newly designed and is still not quite finished. IWMA plans to integrate such sub-sections as "applications" and "standards and approvals". In both sections IMO could have a place. There will obviously be marine applications in "applications" and some of IMO's work could be published in "standards and approvals".

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**ANNEX 2**

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13 August 2014

Dear Secretary-General,

**International Chamber of Shipping/International Shipping Federation**

One of the tasks that I was given on appointment as Secretary General of ICS/ISF was the amalgamation of the two trade association secretariats. In practice this was completed some time ago and the combined secretariat has been working well, servicing the needs of both trade associations. Noting the completion of the amalgamation, the ICS Board recently decided that the secretariat would operate under the banner of ICS in all of its activity including at IMO.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you therefore that we plan to relinquish the use of the name ISF and to operate at IMO exclusively as ICS. I think that this final stage will remove the confusion that has occasionally arisen during IMO meetings on which of my staff was representing which trade body. I would be pleased if this change could be enacted with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Hinchliffe".

**Peter Hinchliffe**  
**Secretary General**