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(f) Report on World Maritime Day 2014

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on the celebration of World Maritime Day 2014; on the parallel event held in Morocco; and on arrangements for the celebration of World Maritime Day in 2015

Strategic direction: 11.1

High-level action: 11.1.1

Planned output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 11

Related documents: C 112/D and Circular Letter No.3469

World Maritime Day 2014 celebration at IMO

1 World Maritime Day 2014 was celebrated at IMO Headquarters on 25 September, when the Secretary-General held an evening reception attended by members of the diplomatic corps and the maritime community in London, representatives of various organizations and bodies associated with the work of the Organization, shipowner and seafarer representative organizations and the Secretariat.

2 In accordance with the usual practice, the text of the Secretary-General's message on the occasion and a statement on this year's theme were circulated to Member Governments and international organizations to assist them in planning their own activities for the Day (Circular Letter No.3469). They were also made available on the IMO website for downloading in the Organization's official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Additionally, the Secretary-General's message was recorded (in English only) and posted on the IMO website, in video format.

3 For the first time, an online campaign called for interested parties and the public at large to send messages based around the theme "tell us how you are celebrating", encouraging people to post photos and videos of their events. The Twitter messages posted in response reached over 2 million people.

4 As in previous years, the Secretary-General also received messages of congratulations as well as information on special arrangements and ceremonies organized by many Governments and organizations. A list of these is given in annex 1 to this document. Any further messages and information received after the issue of this document will be reported to the Council in an appropriate manner.

5 The Secretary-General wishes to express his appreciation to Member Governments, international organizations and other entities, the IMO staff and all others who lent their support and assistance to the commemoration of World Maritime Day 2014 and, especially, to all those Members and organizations which informed the Secretariat of activities they undertook in connection with the Day.

Message issued by the United Nations Secretary-General

6 This year, once again, the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon issued a message (attached as annex 2), to "urge all concerned to strengthen their efforts to achieve the full and effective implementation of all IMO conventions".

7 This message was posted on the respective websites of the United Nations News Centre and that of the Spokesperson for the United Nations Secretary-General; it was also issued as a press release and widely distributed throughout the United Nations Information Centres.

World Maritime Day parallel event

8 The World Maritime Day 2014 parallel event was hosted by the Government of Morocco from 27 to 29 October in Tangier and mainly consisted of a two-day seminar divided into six sessions and a day of visits. In line with the theme "IMO conventions: effective implementation" chosen for the year, the sessions on the first day of the seminar addressed "The role of the International Maritime Organization in the preparation of international maritime conventions and regulations", "The three main groups of IMO conventions: safety, environment and liability and compensation" and "Effective implementation of IMO conventions: national experiences" while those on the second day focused on "The maritime heritage of Morocco and new strategies for its development", "Opportunities for investment and partnerships" and "Development of maritime transport and services at the national and international level". The third day was devoted to visiting the maritime port facilities of the Tangier region.

9 The Secretary-General wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Morocco for successfully hosting the parallel event and for its contribution to fostering discussion on the effective and global implementation of IMO conventions. A full report on the event will be submitted by Morocco.

World Maritime Day 2015

10 The Council will recall that, at its 112th session (in June 2014), it endorsed the Secretary-General's proposed theme for World Maritime Day in 2015, namely "Maritime education and training". Appropriate arrangements to celebrate the Day will be finalized in due course and Member States will be advised accordingly in good time for their preparations.

Action requested of the Council

11 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and to comment as it may deem appropriate.

ANNEX 1

INFORMATION RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH WORLD MARITIME DAY

A MESSAGES

(i) Messages received from IMO Member Governments

Argentina	–	Argentine Coastguard (Prefectura Naval Argentina)
Australia	–	Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development
	–	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
Canada	–	British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Cyprus	–	High Commission of Cyprus in London
Côte d'Ivoire	–	Embassy of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in London
France	–	Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy
Germany	–	Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	–	Ports and Maritime Organization, Ministry of Road and Urban Development
Japan	–	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
Malta	–	Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure
Netherlands	–	Embassy of the Netherlands in Ghana
New Zealand	–	Maritime New Zealand
Panama	–	Panama Canal
Portugal	–	Portuguese Navy
Thailand	–	Ministry of Transport
Timor-Leste	–	Ministry of Transports and Communication
United Kingdom	–	Department for Transport
	–	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
	–	British High Commission in Singapore
United States	–	Department of State International Information Programs CO.NX

(ii) Messages received from United Nations bodies

United Nations Geneva
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (South Africa)
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
World Food Programme (WFP)
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
International Labour Organization (ILO)
World Bank (Environment)
International Finance Corporation (IFC, World Bank Group)
United Nations Information Centre (Cairo, Egypt)
United Nations Information Centre (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
United Nations Information Centre (Prague, Czech Republic)
United Nations Information Centre (Washington, United States)
United Nations Information Centre (Windhoek, Namibia)
United Nations News Centre
United Nations Regional Information Centre (Brussels, Belgium)
Yearbook of the United Nations

(iii) Messages received from intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO

European Commission, Transport
Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa (PMAESA)
International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)
International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)
International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF)
International Shippers and Services Association (ISSA)
International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA)
The Nautical Institute (NI)

(iv) Miscellaneous

Apostleship of the Sea (United Kingdom)
Baltic Exchange (United Kingdom)
EcoLogic Development Fund (United States)
European Community Shipowners' Associations
German Shipowners' Association (Germany)
International Marine Purchasing Association (United Kingdom)
International Maritime Employers' Council (United Kingdom)
Lighthouse - Swedish Maritime Competence Centre (Sweden)
Lloyd's List (United Kingdom)
Marine Society (United Kingdom)
Maritime Basel (Switzerland)
Maritime Union of Australia (MUA)
Mercy Ships (United States)
Morecombe Bay MVS (United Kingdom)
Nautilus International (United Kingdom)
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coast Survey (United States)
Natural England (United Kingdom)
North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA)
North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA)
Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (Russian Federation)
Sailors' Society (United Kingdom)
Save the Royal Navy (United Kingdom)
Sea Cadets (United Kingdom)
Seafarers' House (United States)
Seafarers UK (United Kingdom)
Seamen's Church Institute (United States)
Society of Maritime Industries (United Kingdom)
The Mission to Seafarers (United Kingdom)
Tulane Maritime Law Journal (United States)
Union for the Mediterranean
United Kingdom Maritime Pilots' Association (United Kingdom)
United States Maritime Resource Center, Maritime Simulation Institute (USMRC MSI)
Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA Sweden)
World Maritime University

B INFORMATION ON SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to the above, notifications have been received from several Member Governments and international organizations in response to the Secretary-General's request for information on the special activities they were planning for their celebrations. Information was also gathered by the Secretariat (from newspaper and magazine articles and the Internet) as follows:

Australia
Brazil
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Cyprus
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Denmark
Egypt
El Salvador
Greece
Haiti
India
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Kenya
Malaysia
Mexico
Philippines
Seychelles
South Africa (Western Cape Government)
Sweden
Thailand
Timor-Leste
International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA)
North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA)

ANNEX 2



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

**MESSAGE ON WORLD MARITIME DAY:
IMO CONVENTIONS: EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION'**

25 September 2014

At a time when the world is beset by conflict and crisis, it is easy to forget that, day in and day out, the international shipping industry works quietly and efficiently to keep the wheels of global trade in motion and ensure the timely delivery of the goods and commodities on which we all rely.

For more than 50 years, international conventions developed by the International Maritime Organization have made global shipping progressively safer, more secure and more environment-friendly. There are more than 50 in all. Collectively, they are aimed at strengthening maritime safety and security, protecting the marine environment, mitigating the negative effects of accidents or establishing regulations covering liability and compensation for damage.

The real value of those conventions can be fully realized only if they are properly implemented. This entails early entry into force, broad participation, effective policies and programmes, stringent oversight and vigorous enforcement. Shipping States, coastal States and the shipping industry itself all have a part to play.

On World Maritime Day, let us recall the often unheralded but always vital contribution by international shipping to peoples and communities all over the world. I urge all concerned to strengthen their efforts to achieve the full and effective implementation of all IMO conventions.
