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EXTERNAL RELATIONS

(g) IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea

Revision to the Guidelines

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document submits a revision to the Guidelines for the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea for consideration by the Council

Strategic direction: 11

High-level action: 11.1.1

Planned output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 5

Related documents: C 96/14(g), C 96/D; C 112/15(g)/Add.1 and Circular Letter No.2731

1 The Council, at its ninety-sixth session (June 2006), approved Guidelines defining the purpose of, and the criteria for granting, the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea which were subsequently promulgated by means of Circular Letter No.2731.

2 Paragraph 3 of the Guidelines stipulates the criteria for the nomination of individuals or groups of individuals, encompassing those who, at the risk to their own life, perform acts of exceptional bravery in attempting to save life at sea or in attempting to prevent or mitigate damage to the marine environment.

3 The Council, at its 112th session (June 2014), noted that a number of nominations did not fall within the scope of the Bravery Award as the rescue operations did not occur at sea, or those rescued did not emanate from a vessel.

4 In order to provide clarity, it is proposed that the following underlined sentence be added in paragraph 3 of the Guidelines to read as follows:

"3 The Award will be conferred on individuals or groups of individuals who, at the risk to their own life, perform acts of exceptional bravery in attempting to save life at sea or in attempting to prevent or mitigate damage to the marine environment. Except in the most extraordinary circumstances, the nominated rescues should occur at sea or those rescued should emanate from a vessel. The Award may also be granted posthumously."

Action requested of the Council

5 The Council is invited to consider the revision to the Guidelines and to decide as it may deem appropriate.
