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CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of the thirty-ninth session of the Facilitation Committee
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	1.1, 3.5 and 8
<i>High-level action:</i>	1.1.2, 3.5.1, 8.0.1 to 8.0.3
<i>Planned output:</i>	1.1.2.1, 3.5.1.2, 8.0.1.1 to 8.0.3.1
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 11
<i>Related document:</i>	FAL 39/16

INTRODUCTION

1 The report of the thirty-ninth session of the Facilitation Committee (FAL 39/16) is submitted to the 113th session of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 49(b) of the IMO Convention.

2 The session was held from 22 to 26 September 2014 under the chairmanship of Mr. Yuri Melenas (Russian Federation); the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Marina Angsell (Sweden), was also present. The session was attended by 75 Member States, one Associate Member, one United Nations specialized agency, seven intergovernmental organizations and 19 non-governmental organizations in consultative status.

3 The report of FAL 39 (document FAL 39/16) has been circulated to all IMO Member Governments. Decisions of the Committee of interest to the Council are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

Recommendations and guidelines adopted by the Committee

4 The Committee approved the following circulars and resolutions:

- .1 Pursuant to resolution A.1062(28) on *Guidelines on the application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization*, the Committee approved FAL.3/Circ.210 on revised *Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Facilitation Committee*; and

- .2 FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.1 on *Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates*.

Approval of amendments to the annex of the FAL Convention

5 The Committee approved amendments to the annex of the FAL Convention as set out in annex 1 to FAL 39/16, for circulation in accordance with article VII(2)(a) of the Convention with a view to adoption during FAL 40.

WORK PROGRAMME

Unplanned outputs

6 In accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Guidelines on the application of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization* (resolution A.1062(28)), the Committee invited the Council to endorse, for inclusion in the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2016-2017 biennium, the following new outputs agreed by the Committee:

- .1 review of the international signs to provide guidance to persons at marine terminals;
- .2 guidelines on maritime cybersecurity; and
- .3 application of single-window concept.

7 The Committee also invited C 113 to endorse, for inclusion in the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2016–2017 biennium, the replacement of the existing title of output 8.0.2.1, with "*Consideration and analysis of reports on information on illegal migrants and stowaways*".

Status of planned outputs for the 2014-2015 biennium

8 The Committee invited the Council to note the biennial status report of the Facilitation Committee, as set out in annex 3 of FAL 39/16.

Proposals for the High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2016-2017 biennium

9 The Committee approved 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 Facilitation Committee, for submission to C 113, as set out in annex 4 of FAL 39/16.

Post-biennial agenda of the Committee

10 The Committee invited the Council to note the updated post-biennial agenda of the Facilitation Committee, as set out in annex 5 to FAL 39/16.

Action requested of the Council

- 11 The Council is invited to:
- .1 consider the report of the thirty-ninth session of the Facilitation Committee and, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention, transmit it, with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-ninth session of the Assembly (paragraph 1);

- .2 note the revised Committee's Guidelines on the organization and method of work (FAL.3/Circ.210) (paragraph 4.1);
 - .3 note 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 (paragraph 5);
 - .4 endorse the new outputs agreed at the session for inclusion in the High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2016-2017 biennium (paragraphs 6 and 7);
 - .5 note the report on the status of planned outputs for the 2014-2015 biennium (paragraph 8);
 - .6 endorse the proposed High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2016-2017 biennium for matters under the purview of the Facilitation Committee (paragraph 9); and
 - .7 note the updated post-biennial agenda of the Facilitation Committee (paragraph 10).
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