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## IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME

### Proposal to address shortfalls in audits

- 1 Shortfalls in the number of audits in any given year should be compensated for by Member States that are scheduled to be audited in succeeding years;
- 2 Member States scheduled to be audited in succeeding years can volunteer themselves to be audited earlier provided that five years have elapsed since their last audit;
- 3 In no case can a Member State volunteer to move up its audit two consecutive times;
- 4 This rescheduling will not affect the original due date of the next audit of the state that volunteered to be audited earlier; and
- 5 In the event that the number of volunteers is greater than the number of empty slots, the ones closer to their original schedule for audit should be given priority, given that the five-year period established above has been complied with.