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## IMO MODEL AUDIT SCHEME

### Developments concerning the proposed voluntary IMO Model Audit Scheme

#### Note by the Secretary-General

##### SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on developments with regard to the proposed voluntary IMO Model Audit Scheme since C 89
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 6
<i>Related documents:</i>	TC 52/14, section 2; MSC 76/23, section 9; MSC 76/23/Add.1, annex 8; and United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/57/141

#### Outcome of TCC 52

1 The Technical Co-operation Committee (TCC), at its fifty-second session on 28 November 2002, gave initial consideration to the proposed Scheme from its perspective and endorsed the establishment of the Joint MSC/MEPC/TCC Working Group on Voluntary IMO Model Audit Scheme. The full outcome of TCC 52's deliberations on the matter is reflected in document TC 52/14 and will be reported to the Council under agenda item 7.

#### Outcome of MSC 76

2 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-sixth session (2 to 13 December 2002), noted that the Council, at its eighty-eighth session, had approved, in principle, the concept for an IMO Model Audit Scheme to be implemented on a voluntary basis. It noted, in particular, that C 88 and C 89 had requested it to consider how the details of the Scheme could be developed, to identify those safety- and security-critical areas that might be covered by the Scheme and to consider the establishment of a joint working group of the Committee, the MEPC and the TCC. The working group would meet during MSC 77 to progress the proposed Scheme in accordance with terms of reference agreed by C 89. MSC 77 was then requested to submit a progress report to C 90 based on the outcome of the joint group's work.

3 MSC 76, having considered the request of Council, approved safety- and security-critical areas for the proposed Scheme and, having noted that the MEPC and the TCC had previously endorsed the Council's request, agreed to the establishment of the Joint MSC/MEPC/TCC Working Group on Voluntary IMO Model Audit Scheme to meet at MSC 77. The full outcome

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of MSC 76 deliberations on the matter is reflected in documents MSC 76/23 and MSC 76/23/Add.1, annex 8.

4 The MSC will hold its seventy-seventh session from 28 May to 6 June 2003. The report on the outcome of the session, including that of the joint working group, will be submitted to the Council in an addendum to this document, to be prepared as soon as possible after the conclusion of the session.

#### **Outcome of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations**

5 The fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted, on 12 December 2002, resolution A/RES/57/141 on Oceans and the law of the sea, where in paragraph 47:

“The General Assembly,

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47. *Welcomes* the decision of the International Maritime Organization to approve in principle the concept of a voluntary Model Audit Scheme as a means of enhancing the performance of member States in implementing appropriate conventions of the Organization relating to maritime safety and the prevention of marine pollution, and encourages the Organization to continue to develop such a scheme.”

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

6 The Council is invited to note the above information.

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