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**REVIEW OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:
PROGRESS REPORT**

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	The Council is invited to note the outcome of the consideration of this matter by MSC 76
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 5
<i>Related documents:</i>	MSC 76/23, section 19

Background

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-sixth session, considered document MSC 76/9, containing the report of the Meeting of Chairmen of the MSC, MEPC, TCC and the FAL Committee along with the Chairmen of the technical sub-committees, held on 15 June 2002 to mainly consider ways and means to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the IMO bodies concerned, taking into consideration the outcome of C 88 on the issue.

2 MSC 76 considered the aforementioned report and addressed first the recommendations to amend the MSC/MEPC Guidelines on the organization and method of work; then, the other agreed proposals, which were not related directly to the Guidelines; and, finally, comments of a general nature before the Committee's advice is submitted to Council, at its ninetieth session, for consideration and action as appropriate. Matters relating to the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Facilitation Committee (FAL.3/Circ.179) were left for that Committee to consider.

Recommendations to amend the MSC/MEPC Guidelines and other related issues

3 Having debated the parts of the report of the Chairmen's Meeting making recommendations to amend the Guidelines on the organization and method of work and other related issues, the Committee took action as indicated in paragraphs 19.4 to 19.5 and 19.7 to 19.13 of its report (MSC 76/23).

Long-term work plan of the Organization and determination of whether there is a need to restructure the sub-committees

4 The Committee (MSC 76/23, paragraph 19.7) agreed that any modifications to the long-term work plan deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of the Organization, as set out in

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resolution A.900(21), would be conditional on any changes to the structure of the sub-committees, which, in turn, should only be considered when the outcome of the Ad Hoc Council Working Group on the Organization's Strategic Plan became available and the strategy and policies of the Organization were agreed. However, the Committee saw no immediate need to change the structure of the sub-committees at present.

Action requested of the Council

5 The Council is invited to note the above information and take action as it may deem appropriate.
