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## RELATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

**Executive summary:** This document informs the Council of a communication from the Director-General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community as well as a communication from the Chairman of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations Electronic Communications Committee.

**Action to be taken:** Paragraph 6

**Related documents:** C 89/25, C 89/D, paragraph 25.2 and C 90/28

#### Co-operation with the Pacific Community

1 Since the issue of document C 90/28, the Secretary-General has received a communication from the Director-General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, informing him that the amended text of the Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and the Pacific Community as annexed to document C 90/28 is not inconsistent with the approval granted in November 2002 by the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations of the Pacific Community.

2 In light of this development, the Council may wish to note that the draft Agreement of Co-operation with the Pacific Community will enter into force once it has been endorsed by the Assembly at its twenty-third session.

#### Co-operation with the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)

3 The Secretary-General has received a communication from the Chairman of the CEPT Electronic Communications Committee informing him of the decision of the Assembly of CEPT to restructure the committees working within the CEPT. As a result of the restructure, the European Committee for Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs (ECTRA) and the European Radiocommunications Committee (ERC) have been merged into a new committee, namely the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) which has taken over all the functions and responsibilities formerly assumed by the ERC. The letter goes on to state that the ECC formally commits itself to assume the obligations of the ERC under the Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and CEPT.

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4 As a consequence of the decision of the CEPT Assembly and the commitment of the ECC to formally assume the privileges and obligations of the ERC, the Agreement of Co-operation concluded in 1995 between IMO and CEPT acting through the ERC will need to be amended. The text annexed to this document containing amendments to the previous Agreement of Co-operation indicating the change of delegation from the ERC to the ECC is submitted for approval by the Council.

5 Upon approval of the change of delegation, the ECC will assume the privileges and obligations of the ERC with immediate effect as envisaged in the Agreement previously approved by the Council.

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

6 The Council is invited to note the approval of the Agreement of Co-operation with the Pacific Community by the Committee of Representative of Governments and Administrations and to approve the changes to the Agreement of Co-operation with the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT).

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ANNEX



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**Agreement of Co-operation**

**between**

**CEPT and IMO**

\* To delete words crossed out and to add words in bold

**AMENDED AGREEMENT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) AND  
THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
ADMINISTRATIONS (CEPT)**

1 The International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "IMO") and the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (hereinafter referred to as CEPT) will consult each other on matters of common interest to the two Organizations with a view to ensuring maximum co-ordination of the work and activities of the respective Organizations in respect of such matters.

2 For purposes of this Agreement, CEPT will act through one of its committees, namely the ~~European Radiocommunications Committee~~ **Electronic Communications Committee** (hereinafter referred to as ~~ERC~~ **ECC**).

3 Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, the Secretary-General of IMO and the Chairman of the ~~ERC~~ **ECC** will exchange information and keep each other fully informed of projected activities and programmes of work in fields of common interest. Accordingly, when either Organization proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other has or may have a substantial interest, consultation will be initiated between the Organizations with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account their respective responsibilities and any decisions or wishes of the appropriate governing bodies of the respective organizations.

4 The Secretary-General of IMO will invite the Chairman of the ~~ERC~~ **ECC** to send representatives to observe meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of IMO to consider matters in which CEPT has an interest, in accordance with procedures applicable to each meeting or conference. The Chairman of the ~~ERC~~ **ECC** will invite the Secretary-General of IMO to send observers to meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of CEPT to consider matters in which IMO has an interest, in accordance with procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.

5 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Chairman of the ~~ERC~~ **ECC** may consult, where appropriate, on the use of personnel, material, services, equipment and facilities for joint undertakings which may be agreed between them in fields of common interest to IMO and CEPT.

6 IMO will, at the request of CEPT, render assistance to CEPT with respect to matters within the scope of activities of CEPT; and CEPT will, at the request of IMO, render assistance to IMO in matters falling within the scope of IMO's activities. Where assistance which is required by either party under the terms of this Agreement involves substantial expenditure, consultation will take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner for meeting such expenditure.

7 It is further agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall bind any of the Member States of CEPT jointly or severally. Similarly, the Agreement shall not bind any of the Member States of IMO jointly or severally.

8 This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Secretary-General of IMO and the Chairman of the ~~ERC~~ ECC.

9 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Chairman of the ~~ERC~~ ECC may terminate this Agreement by giving six months written notice to the other party.

10 This Agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Assembly of IMO and the ~~ERC~~ CEPT.

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On behalf of the ECC

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Secretary-General  
On behalf of the IMO

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