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RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

(a) Applications for consultative status

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document transmits one application for consultative status.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related documents: C 90/29(a)

New application for consultative status

The International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA)

1 Since the issue of document C 90/29(a), the Secretary-General has received an application for consultative status from The International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA).

2 The relevant documentation and information provided by IBIA in support of its application is reproduced in an annex to this document.

Action requested of the Council

3 The Council is invited to refer the new application for consultative status for screening by the small group of Council Members.

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ANNEX

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name of the Organization:

Nom de l'Organisation:

**The International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA)
Association Internationale De L'Industrie Des Soutes**

2. Address of Headquarters

Adresse du siège:

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London
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3. Addresses of all branches or regional headquarters:

Adresse de tous les sièges locaux ou régionaux:

IBIA does not have actual regional headquarters however, groups of IBIA members meet in what IBIA defines as National Chapters. Chapters address the national issues of interest to IBIA members.

4. Names of addresses of representatives in the United Kingdom:

Nom et adresse des représentants au Royaume-Uni:

**Mr Ian Adams
Secretary General
The Baltic Exchange
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EC3A 8BH**

**Miss Ruth Croker
Administrator
The Baltic Exchange
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5. Aims and purposes of the Organization (as set forth in its constitution):

Objectifs et buts de l'Organisation (tels qu'ils sont définies dans ses statuts):

- **To provide an international forum to address the concerns of all sectors of the bunker industry**
- **To improve and clarify industry practices and documentation**

- To represent the industry in discussion with relevant governmental and non governmental bodies and to make the concerns of the industry known to such bodies
- To assist members in the event of disputes by identifying the options and exploring the alternatives open to them and eventually to provide a panel of experienced mediators and arbitrators
- To increase public awareness of matters of concern to the bunker industry
- To increase the professional understanding and competence of those working in the industry

6. History:

Historique:

Eight members of the industry conceived the International Bunker Industry in October 1992, and the association was formally registered on 29 January 1993. Since then it has expanded steadily with a worldwide membership comprising ship owners, charterers, bunker suppliers, traders, brokers, barging companies, storage companies, surveyors, port authorities, credit reporting companies, lawyers, P&I Clubs, equipment manufacturers, shipping journalists and marine consultants.

7. Recent and planned activities:

Activités récentes et activités prévues:

IBIA has developed an educational programme and this year's events are listed below: -

One Day Basic Bunkering Course (designed for people with little or no experience of the Bunker Industry)

14th April 2003	St Petersburg, Russia
13th June 2003	Athens, Greece
15th September 2003	Panama City, Panama
20th October 2003	Fujairah, UAE
2nd December 2003	Shanghai, China

IBIA also runs the Basic Bunkering Course at the Oxford Bunker Course and contributes speakers/experts for the remainder of the course

19th – 23rd May 2003
October 2003

IBIA has also run a half day, ships agents course in South Africa last year.

IBIA has contributed to the discussions with the European Commission on the topic of emissions, attending meetings in Brussels and London.

IBIA has a number of working groups which are sub committees that address issue within the industry, they are: -

- A. Operational Standards and Procedures – ISO have produced ISO (TR) 13739 with IBIA members support. This working group is working on developing and implementing the standard among suppliers and buyers.**
 - B. Safety – currently addressing the issue of safe access between vessels involved in the bunkering process**
 - C. Education – responsible for the staging of the education programme and further developing the educational material**
 - D. Technical – addresses member and non-member technical questions and produces IBIA Guides**
 - E. Environmental – currently addressing the issue of possible unilateral action by the European Commission with regard to emissions. IBIA is keen to ensure that any action is taken within the framework of existing International regulations i.e. Marpol Annex VI rather than regional regulations.**
- 8. Descriptive statement of the extent to which the purposes of the Organization relate to those of IMO, including in particular what contribution your Organization can make to the technical co-operation programme of IMO**

Exposé explicatif de la mesure dans laquelle les buts de l'Organisation sont en rapport avec ceux de l'OMI, incluant une indication concernant la contribution que votre Organisation pourrait apporter au programme de coopération technique de l'OMI

The objectives of IBIA, which most closely relate to those of IMO, are to work towards the overall improvement of health and operational safety standards both at sea and on land within the industry, and to enhance the standards for the prevention of air pollution by bunker fuels. By offering the benefit of combined trade expertise and knowledge, IBIA believe that it can provide a valuable consultative contribution to IMO on any and all issues concerning marine fuel oils.

**9. Structure:
Structure:**

IBIA is currently incorporated as a company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee. It is non-profit making and is funded solely by the annual subscription fees received from its Members. It has a Council (Board of Directors) of 25 Members, all elected from and by the Membership. The Constitution provides that one-fifth of the Council shall stand down in each year when they may offer themselves for re-election together with other members. The Council has five Officers, i.e. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past Chairman. As the membership has grown, there have been regional chapters that have been established. We currently have a Chapter in South Africa and there are current initiatives to establish Chapters in the countries of South America, the Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp region and The Russian Federation. IBIA has no paid Council Officers, nor does its Constitution allow for this. It currently maintains a Secretary General and a full time Administrator, and it is anticipated that the number of full time employees in the Secretariat will grow in order to cope with the increasing volume of Membership enquiries.

**10. Membership:
Composition:**

IBIA has four classes of Membership, namely corporate, individual, affiliated organization and honorary. Corporate and Individual Membership are open to those companies and individuals which are actively and directly engaged on a day to day basis in the trading, supplying and purchasing of bunkers together with barge operators, engine builders, surveying companies and others who are engaged in a direct provision of services to the industry. Affiliated organizations are organizations mainly representing the shipping industry that may from time to time wish to consult the IBIA membership on bunker related issues. Honorary membership is granted to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the industry.

In order to ensure a balanced representation both in Membership voting and on the council, Membership is divided into six main categories namely, traders, buyers, suppliers, port operation, storage and distribution, and services. Buyers and suppliers are entitled to five representatives on the Council, brokers, traders and port operation each have four representatives, and services have three representatives, so far as it is possible to arrange. The total Membership is presently 460 in 65 countries and is increasing (The list is available from the IMO Secretariat). A copy of the Byelaws is enclosed.

11. Officers:

Dirigeants:

Chairman: -

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Nationality: -

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Nationality: -

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Honorary Treasurer: -

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Nationality: -

United Kingdom

12. Relations with other non-governmental organizations:

Relations avec d'autres organisations non gouvernementales:

IBIA works with other non-governmental bodies on an issue by issue basis. IBIA co-operated with BIMCO in the production of the Standard Bunker Contract. IBIA is represented on the Steering Committee of the newly formed SEaT (Sulphur Emissions Abatement and Trading) which has been set up by the shipping industry in order to address the issue of emissions. Other Associations such as Intertanko, Intercargo and International Chamber of Shipping are also represented on the Steering Committee.

13. Relations with inter-governmental organizations:

Relations avec des organisations intergouvernementales:

IBIA was invited to and attended the recent discussions in Brussels involving the Directorate General for the Environment. A meeting has also taken place with Dover District Council regarding emissions in the Port of Dover.

14. Finance:

Financement:

IBIA is a non-profit making organization and is funded substantially by the subscriptions of its members. The running of the basic bunker course raises other funds along with the endorsement of certain conferences.

15. Publications:

Publications:

IBIA produces a quarterly magazine called World Bunkering. IBIA also has a new website which it is anticipated will become increasingly a source of information and communication among the membership.

16. Documentation:

Documents:

IBIA produce a number of Guides, which are listed below and copies enclosed.

- **Evaluate the Merits of a Bunker Claim**
- **Avoiding and Resolving Bunker disputes**
- **Vanadium and Sulphur in Marine Fuels**
- **Fuel and Lube Oil Training Manual**
- **Analysis of On Board Test Kits**
- **IBIA Guide to Arbitration**
- **Glossary of Bunker and Lubricating Oil Terminology (also available in Spanish)**

- **IBIA Guide to Bunker Fuel Sampling Equipment (also available in Spanish)**
- **IBIA Guide to Good Commercial Practice**

**17. Other remarks which the Organization wishes to make:
Autres remarques que l'Organisation desire faire:**

IBIA is a growing international organization in many continents. It has been established by representatives from the Bunker Industry, in order to represent the Industry and to assist in the education and training of its Membership towards the establishment of better overall standards. Its elected Council represents a substantial collective expertise in all aspects of the Industry, and the overall membership is actively dedicated towards the improvement of Industry standards. The depth of IBIA's technical experience can be helpful to the discussion in IMO regarding the preservation of the marine environment in particular by air pollution, and it is hoped that in considering IBIA's application for consultative status, the Council will have regard to the standing and purpose of IBIA's Membership and Council.
