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REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document lists the membership of the Organization and the Members having accepted the 1991 amendments to the IMO Convention

Action to be taken: Paragraph 12

Related documents: None

Membership of the Organization

1 There has been no change to the membership of the Organization since the eighty-ninth session of the Council (November 2002). The total membership of the Organization now stands at 162.

2 A notification, dated 3 December 2002, was received from the United Nations that the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark had declared the Faroe Islands an Associate Member of IMO, in accordance with Articles 8 and 72 of the IMO Convention, effective from the date of the communication. There are now, therefore, three Associate Members of the Organization.

3 The membership of the Organization, together with Associate Members, as at 1 March 2003, is given in annex 1 to this document.

Amendments to the Convention adopted in 1991

4 The Council will recall that the Secretary-General has repeatedly emphasized the importance of the early entry into force of these amendments, given the importance of the Facilitation Committee's contribution to the facilitation of international maritime traffic. In view of the slow rate of acceptances of the amendments, he submitted a draft resolution to the Council at its eighty-eighth session which was adopted as resolution C.75(88).

5 The operative paragraphs of the resolution welcome the action taken so far by Member States which have already accepted the amendments and urge Member Governments which have not yet done so, to accept the 1991 amendments as soon as possible, with a view to achieving the requisite acceptance by two-thirds of the Members of the Organization needed in order to give effect to the institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee.

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6 The Council requested that the resolution be transmitted to all Member States and asked the Secretary-General to report back on developments. The resolution was circulated to all Member States under cover of a note verbale on 17 June 2002. The Secretary-General wishes to reiterate that he is at all times ready and willing to provide additional information to any Government which may require it in the consideration of this matter.

7 Annex 2 to this document gives the list of Members which have accepted the 1991 amendments. Since the eighty-ninth session of the Council, there have been three further acceptances of the amendments by the Governments of the Kingdom of Tonga, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Gambia. The total number of acceptances of the amendments as at 1 March 2003, is, therefore 76. A further 32 acceptances are required to bring the amendments into force.

8 Any changes which may occur in the membership of the Organization or the status of acceptances in respect of the 1991 amendments to the IMO Convention after the issue of this document will be reported to the Council in an appropriate manner.

Application for membership of the Organization by the Government of the Cook Islands

9 The Council may recall that, at its twentieth extraordinary session, it recommended the application of the Cook Islands for membership of the Organization (to be dealt with under Article 7 of the IMO Convention) and invited the Secretary-General to communicate with Members of the Organization conveying the Council's recommendation and inviting Members to respond at their earliest convenience.

10 By means of a note verbale dated 1 February 2000, the Secretary-General informed Member States of the Council's decision, inviting them to indicate, at their earliest convenience, their position with regard to the application of the Cook Islands, in accordance with Article 7 of the IMO Convention.

11 As at 1 March 2003, replies approving the application had been received from 33 Members. Any further replies received after the issue of this document will be reported to the Council in an appropriate manner.

Action requested of the Council

12 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and its annexes, and to decide as appropriate.

ANNEX 1

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION
as at 1 March 2003**

Members	Date of receipt of the instrument of acceptance
ALBANIA	24 May 1993
ALGERIA	31 October 1963
ANGOLA	6 June 1977
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	13 January 1986
ARGENTINA	18 June 1953
AUSTRALIA	13 February 1952
AUSTRIA	2 April 1975
AZERBAIJAN	15 May 1995
BAHAMAS	22 July 1976
BAHRAIN	22 September 1976
BANGLADESH	27 May 1976
BARBADOS	7 January 1970
BELGIUM	9 August 1951
BELIZE	13 September 1990
BENIN	19 March 1980
BOLIVIA	6 July 1987
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	16 July 1993
BRAZIL	4 March 1963
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	31 December 1984
BULGARIA	5 April 1960
CAMBODIA	3 January 1961
CAMEROON	1 May 1961
CANADA	15 October 1948
CAPE VERDE	24 August 1976
CHILE	17 February 1972
CHINA	1 March 1973
COLOMBIA	19 November 1974
COMOROS	3 August 2001
CONGO	5 September 1975
COSTA RICA	4 March 1981
COTE D'IVOIRE	4 November 1960
CROATIA	8 July 1992
CUBA	6 May 1966
CYPRUS	21 November 1973
CZECH REPUBLIC	18 June 1993
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	16 April 1986
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO ¹	16 August 1973
DENMARK	3 June 1959

¹ Formerly Zaire.

Members	Date of receipt of the instrument of acceptance
DJIBOUTI	20 February 1979
DOMINICA	18 December 1979
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	25 August 1953
ECUADOR	12 July 1956
EGYPT	17 March 1958
EL SALVADOR	12 February 1981
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	6 September 1972
ERITREA	31 August 1993
ESTONIA	31 January 1992
ETHIOPIA	3 July 1975
FIJI	14 March 1983
FINLAND	21 April 1959
FRANCE	9 April 1952
GABON	1 April 1976
GAMBIA	11 January 1979
GEORGIA	22 June 1993
GERMANY ²	7 January 1959
GHANA	6 July 1959
GREECE	31 December 1958
GRENADA	3 December 1998
GUATEMALA	16 March 1983
GUINEA	3 December 1975
GUINEA-BISSAU	6 December 1977
GUYANA	13 May 1980
HAITI	23 June 1953
HONDURAS	23 August 1954
HUNGARY	10 June 1970
ICELAND	8 November 1960
INDIA	6 January 1959
INDONESIA	18 January 1961
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	2 January 1958
IRAQ	28 August 1973
IRELAND	26 February 1951
ISRAEL	24 April 1952
ITALY	28 January 1957
JAMAICA	11 May 1976
JAPAN	17 March 1958
JORDAN	9 November 1973
KAZAKHSTAN	11 March 1994
KENYA	22 August 1973
KUWAIT	5 July 1960

² On 3 October 1990, the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Members	Date of receipt of the instrument of acceptance
LATVIA	1 March 1993
LEBANON	3 May 1966
LIBERIA	6 January 1959
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	16 February 1970
LITHUANIA	7 December 1995
LUXEMBOURG	14 February 1991
MADAGASCAR	8 March 1961
MALAWI	19 January 1989
MALAYSIA	17 June 1971
MALDIVES	31 May 1967
MALTA	22 June 1966
MARSHALL ISLANDS	26 March 1998
MAURITANIA	8 May 1961
MAURITIUS	18 May 1978
MEXICO	21 September 1954
MOLDOVA	12 December 2001
MONACO	22 December 1989
MONGOLIA	11 December 1996
MOROCCO	30 July 1962
MOZAMBIQUE	17 January 1979
MYANMAR	6 July 1951
NAMIBIA	27 October 1994
NEPAL	31 January 1979
NETHERLANDS	31 March 1949
NEW ZEALAND	9 November 1960
NICARAGUA	17 March 1982
NIGERIA	15 March 1962
NORWAY	29 December 1958
OMAN	30 January 1974
PAKISTAN	21 November 1958
PANAMA	31 December 1958
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	6 May 1976
PARAGUAY	15 March 1993
PERU	15 April 1968
PHILIPPINES	9 November 1964
POLAND	16 March 1960
PORTUGAL	17 March 1976
QATAR	19 May 1977
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	10 April 1962
ROMANIA	28 April 1965
RUSSIAN FEDERATION ³	24 December 1958
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	8 October 2001

³ On 26 December 1991 the Russian Federation continued the membership of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Members	Date of receipt of the instrument of acceptance
SAINT LUCIA	10 April 1980
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	29 April 1981
SAMOA	25 October 1996
SAN MARINO	12 March 2002
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	9 July 1990
SAUDI ARABIA	25 February 1969
SENEGAL	7 November 1960
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO ⁴	11 December 2000
SEYCHELLES	13 June 1978
SIERRA LEONE	14 March 1973
SINGAPORE	17 January 1966
SLOVAKIA	24 March 1993
SLOVENIA	10 February 1993
SOLOMON ISLANDS	27 June 1988
SOMALIA	4 April 1978
SOUTH AFRICA	28 February 1995
SPAIN	23 January 1962
SRI LANKA	6 April 1972
SUDAN	5 July 1974
SURINAME	14 October 1976
SWEDEN	27 April 1959
SWITZERLAND	20 July 1955
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	28 January 1963
THAILAND	20 September 1973
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	13 October 1993
TOGO	20 June 1983
TONGA	23 February 2000
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	27 April 1965
TUNISIA	23 May 1963
TURKEY	25 March 1958
TURKMENISTAN	26 August 1993
UKRAINE	28 March 1994
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	4 March 1980
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND	14 February 1949
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	8 January 1974
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	17 August 1950
URUGUAY	10 May 1968
VANUATU	21 October 1986
VENEZUELA	27 October 1975
VIET NAM	12 June 1984
YEMEN ⁵	14 March 1979

⁴ Formerly Yugoslavia

⁵ On 22 May 1990, Democratic Yemen and Yemen merged to form a single State. Since that date, they have been represented as one Member with the name "Yemen".

**Date of receipt of
the instrument of
acceptance**

Associate Members

HONG KONG, CHINA
MACAO, CHINA
FAROE ISLANDS

7 June 1967
2 February 1990
3 December 2002

ANNEX 2

**MEMBERS HAVING ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENTS TO THE IMO CONVENTION
ADOPTED IN NOVEMBER 1991 (RESOLUTION A.724(17))
as at 1 March 2003**

	Date of receipt by IMO	Date of deposit with UN
SEYCHELLES	26 June 1992	14 July 1992
ESTONIA	18 August 1992	26 August 1992
NORWAY	25 August 1992	10 September 1992
CANADA	14 June 1993	24 June 1993
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	4 August 1993	23 August 1993
SPAIN	28 September 1993	6 October 1993
NETHERLANDS ⁶	30 November 1993	6 December 1993
CUBA	16 December 1993	22 December 1993
DENMARK	22 December 1993	6 January 1994
FINLAND	-	26 January 1994
CAMEROON	10 March 1994	17 March 1994
BELGIUM	29 March 1994	5 April 1994
THAILAND	12 April 1994	19 April 1994
SINGAPORE	18 May 1994	25 May 1994
AUSTRALIA	-	1 July 1994
EGYPT	-	12 July 1994
SWEDEN	25 August 1994	1 September 1994
UNITED KINGDOM	8 September 1994	14 September 1994
CHINA	19 October 1994	27 October 1994
GREECE	23 November 1994	2 December 1994
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	9 December 1994	22 December 1994
SLOVAKIA	2 June 1995	12 June 1995
MOROCCO	12 June 1995	16 June 1995
INDIA	18 October 1995	31 October 1995
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	31 October 1995	10 November 1995
BRAZIL	8 November 1995	16 November 1995
CHILE	10 November 1995	20 November 1995
PERU	-	7 May 1996
INDONESIA	9 May 1996	21 May 1996
FRANCE	20 May 1996	28 May 1996
CYPRUS	20 June 1996	24 June 1996
BULGARIA	16 January 1997	29 January 1997
MALTA	31 December 1997	16 January 1998
URUGUAY	19 January 1998	30 January 1998
SLOVENIA	10 February 1998	10 March 1998
ICELAND	11 February 1998	17 February 1998
BAHAMAS	22 April 1988	7 May 1998
BARBADOS	30 June 1998	1 July 1998

⁶ The Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

	Date of receipt by IMO	Date of deposit with UN
MEXICO	-	1 September 1998
MARSHALL ISLANDS	7 September 1998	7 September 1998
UNITED STATES	13 October 1998	14 October 1998
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	22 December 1998	23 December 1998
TUNISIA	13 January 1999	15 January 1999
VANUATU	18 February 1999	18 February 1999
PANAMA	18 March 1999	19 March 1999
ITALY	18 February 2000	18 February 2000
ALGERIA	7 June 2000	8 June 2000
LATVIA	14 June 2000	15 June 2000
LUXEMBOURG	22 September 2000	22 September 2000
NEW ZEALAND	6 October 2000	9 October 2000
NAMIBIA	27 November 2000	27 November 2000
YUGOSLAVIA	-	11 December 2000
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	14 February 2001	15 February 2001
SIERRA LEONE	26 July 2001	27 July 2001
COMOROS	-	3 August 2001
GUATEMALA	-	8 August 2001
SAINT KITT AND NEVIS	-	8 October 2001
ERITREA	22 October 2001	23 October 2001
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	25 February 2002	28 February 2002
POLAND	4 March 2002	5 March 2002
SAN MARINO	-	12 March 2002
PAKISTAN	27 March 2002	5 April 2002
CONGO	28 May 2002	31 May 2002
GABON	31 May 2002	10 June 2002
TOGO	6 June 2002	11 June 2002
SAMOA	11 June 2002	18 June 2002
LIBERIA	7 August 2002	9 August 2002
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	7 August 2002	9 August 2002
DJIBOUTI	9 August 2002	13 August 2002
HONDURAS	29 August 2002	30 August 2002
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	3 September 2002	6 September 2002
ROMANIA	4 September 2002	6 September 2002
MONACO	12 November 2002	13 November 2002
TONGA	27 November 2002	4 December 2002
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12 December 2002	12 December 2002
GAMBIA	8 January 2003	10 January 2003