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## MEMORIAL TO SEAFARERS

### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

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| <i>Executive summary:</i>  | This document reports on developments concerning the Seafarers Memorial Trust Fund since C 89 |
| <i>Action to be taken:</i> | Paragraph 4   |
| <i>Related documents:</i>  | Circular letter No.2096 of 18 November 1998; C 89/D, paragraphs 28.1 and 28.2                 |

#### Establishment of a chair at the World Maritime University

1 Following the erection of the International Memorial to Seafarers, work is now being directed towards establishing a chair on maritime safety and marine pollution prevention at the World Maritime University, the annual cost for which is estimated at US\$100,000. At the time of writing, the Fund's net balance, following deduction of further expenses relating to the International Memorial to Seafarers, stands at approximately US\$405,000 and the Secretary-General's efforts are focused on building up a substantial capital fund from voluntary donations, which would serve as a basis for funding the Chair on a sustained basis.

2 The Secretary-General takes this opportunity, once again, to express his appreciation to all contributors (including Governments, shipowners, companies, seafarer organizations, classification societies, international organizations and individuals) for their generosity so far and appeals to all potential donors to assist in the new objective set.

#### Board of Trustees

3 Since C 89, further progress has been made in forming the Board of Trustees, which is nearing completion.

#### Action requested of the Council

4 The Council is invited to note the above information and to comment as deemed appropriate; and also to note that a progress report on further developments in all areas pertaining to the scheme will be provided to the next session of the Council.

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