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Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This report draws attention to resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations of relevance to IMO received since the 101st session of the Council
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	1.1 and 1.3
<i>High-level action:</i>	1.1.2 and 1.3.2
<i>Planned output:</i>	Co-operation with UN bodies and agencies
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 11
<i>Related documents:</i>	None

1 Since the 101st session of the Council in November 2008, the Secretary-General has received the following seven resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, dealing with matters of relevance to IMO.

General Assembly resolutions	Title
Resolution 63/60 of 2 December 2008	Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction
Resolution 63/111 of 5 December 2008	Oceans and the law of the sea

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General Assembly resolutions**Title**

Resolution 63/112
of 5 December 2008

Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments

Resolution 63/122
of 11 December 2008

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea

Resolution 63/129
of 11 December 2008

Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Resolution 63/232
of 19 December 2008

Operational activities for development

Resolution 63/253
of 24 December 2008

Administration of justice at the United Nations

2 The texts of the aforementioned resolutions have been circulated to Governments through other channels and are, therefore, not annexed to this document.

3 With respect to resolution 63/60, on Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, and the request contained in paragraph 5 thereof, the Council is advised that, for some time now, the Organization has been co-operating with the UN in the compilation of a report on measures taken by international organizations on issues relating to the linkage between the fight against terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

4 With respect to resolution 63/111, on Oceans and the law of the sea, sections of particular relevance to IMO are: (i) Section II, which recognizes the importance of the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) as a centre of education and training and the effective role of IMLI and IMO in capacity-building; (ii) Sections VIII and IX, which take note of, and commend, the progress achieved by IMO in the field of maritime safety and security, piracy, flag State implementation and protection of the marine environment and resources; and (iii) Section XIV, on the ninth meeting of the open-ended informal consultative process on oceans and the law of the sea (ICP), in particular paragraph 159 thereof, which welcomes its report on the topic of maritime security and safety, and paragraph 165, advising that the ICP, at its tenth meeting, will focus its discussions on the implementation of its outcomes, including its achievements and shortcomings in its first nine meetings.

5 With respect to resolution 63/112, on Sustainable fisheries, paragraph 54 is of particular relevance, as it encourages strengthened collaboration between the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and IMO to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, particularly in improving the implementation of flag State responsibilities and port State measures.

6 By virtue of resolution 63/122, the UN General Assembly adopts the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea (paragraph 2) and calls on all Governments to consider becoming party to it (paragraph 4).

7 With respect to resolution 63/129, on Measures to eliminate international terrorism, paragraph 12 is particularly relevant to IMO in that it urges all States to consider, as a matter of priority, becoming parties to the 2005 SUA Protocols.

8 With respect to resolution 63/232, on Operational activities for development, paragraph 6, which refers to the Millennium Development Goals and paragraph 15, which encourages the organizations of the UN system to mobilize and allocate resources, are particularly relevant in light of IMO Assembly resolution A.1006(25) of 10 December 2008 on the Linkage between the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme and the Millennium Development Goals. Paragraphs 18 and 19 refer to the decision of the UN General Assembly to change the comprehensive policy review of the UN development system's operational activities from a triennial to a quadrennial cycle and to hold its next comprehensive policy review in 2012 and subsequent reviews on a quadrennial basis. Paragraph 20 encourages the specialized agencies to carry out any changes required to align their planning cycles with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, including the implementation of midterm reviews as necessary, and to report to the Economic and Social Council on adjustments made to fit the new comprehensive review cycle at the substantive session of the Council.

9 Resolution 63/253, on Administration of justice at the United Nations, is dealt with under agenda item 5(a).

10 The Secretary-General has no specific proposals for action by the Council in respect of the resolutions listed in the document at this stage. As usual, he will follow developments on these resolutions within the appropriate bodies of the United Nations system and any conclusions reached, or actions proposed, in connection with any of these, or any other relevant, resolutions, which may be of interest to IMO, will be reported to the Council in due course.

Action requested of the Council

11 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and to comment, as it may deem appropriate.