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SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on a request to revise the existing Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and the Organization of American States (OAS)
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	1.1
<i>High-level action:</i>	1.1.2
<i>Planned output:</i>	Co-operation with OAS on matters of mutual interest
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 3
<i>Related document:</i>	A VIII/SR.9

1 In September 2008, IMO received a request from the Organization of American States (OAS) seeking to revise the existing Agreement of Co-operation between the two Organizations, which was signed in October 1974, with a view to strengthening it.

2 The proposed Agreement of Co-operation, as drafted by the Secretariats of IMO and OAS, is attached at annex. The draft follows, in substance, the pattern of similar agreements previously concluded between the Organization and interested entities.

Action requested of the Council

3 The Council is invited to note the information provided in this document and to decide on the proposed revision of the Agreement of Co-operation with OAS.

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ANNEX

**DRAFT TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) AND
THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)**

1 The International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as “IMO”) and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (hereinafter referred to as “GS/OAS”) will consult each other on matters of common interest to both with a view to ensuring maximum co-ordination of their work and activities particularly in respect to maritime safety, port security and the environment.

2 Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, the Secretary-General of IMO and the Secretary General of OAS will exchange information and keep each other informed of projected activities and programmes of work in fields of common interest. Accordingly, when either entity proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other has or may have a substantial interest, consultations will be initiated between the two 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 entities.

3 The Secretary-General of IMO will invite the Secretary General of OAS to send representatives to observe meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of IMO to consider matters in which GS/OAS has an interest, in accordance with norms and procedures applicable to each meeting or conference. Conversely, the Secretary General of OAS will invite the Secretary-General of IMO to send observers to meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of GS/OAS to consider matters in which IMO has an interest, in accordance with the norms and procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.

4 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Secretary General of OAS may co-operate on matters of personnel, material, services, equipment and facilities for joint undertakings which may be agreed between them in fields of common interest to IMO and GS/OAS.

5 IMO will, at the request of GS/OAS, render assistance to GS/OAS with respect to matters within the scope of activities of GS/OAS; and GS/OAS 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, consultations will take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner for meeting such expenditure, subject to the availability of funds.

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

7 The Parties mutually recognize the privileges and immunities they enjoy by virtue of the relevant agreements and laws on the subject and general principles of international law.

8 This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Secretary-General of IMO and the Secretary General of OAS.

9 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Secretary General of OAS 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 GS/OAS.

Agreed for GS/OAS by:

Agreed for IMO by:

J.M. INSULZA
Secretary General

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