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Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the nomination of candidates for the 2009 Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea; and on arrangements so far
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	11
<i>High-level action:</i>	11.1.1
<i>Planned output:</i>	11.1.1.5
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related documents:</i>	C 100/D and Circular letter No.2934

1 In accordance with the arrangements previously approved by the Council for the establishment of the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea, Circular letter No.2934 was issued (on 19 January 2009), inviting nominations for the 2009 Award for actions performed during the period 1 March 2008 to 28 February 2009. Interested Governments and international organizations were invited to submit their nominations by 15 April 2009.

2 The nominations received, by the deadline set, in response to that invitation are listed in the annex to this document.

3 In accordance with the Guidelines for the Award (see annex 1 to Circular letter No.2934), the nominations will, in the first instance, be scrutinized by an Assessment Panel of experts chaired by the Secretary-General, who will, thereafter, submit its recommendations to a Panel of Judges, chaired by the Council Chairman, who will then decide on the winner of the Award.

Action requested of the Council

4 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and to comment or decide as appropriate.

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ANNEX

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2009 IMO AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AT SEA

NOMINATED BY	CANDIDATE
ALGERIA	Mr. Nabil Abdelaziz, crew member of the tug Skikda
BRAZIL	Lt. Cdr. Leonardo Barbosa Corrêa (2 nd Pilot), Lt. (Marine Corps) Wagner Pinto Alves (1 st Pilot), Lt. Junior Grade (Medical Corps) Mahmud Nayef Mahd Hasan Ihamid (Doctor) and Corporal Ângelo Cesar Suzano Rocha (Flight mechanic/Winch operator) of the AS350 Squirrel Helicopter, HU-5 Helicopter Squadron, Brazilian Navy
CHINA	Captain Zeng Zuoqing of the rescue tug Nanhaijiu 101 , Nanhai Rescue Bureau
	Captain Yang Junxing, Deputy Head of the Donghai No.1 SAR Flying Service
	B-7312 Aircrew of North Sea No.1 Search & Rescue Flying Service
	Captain Chen Wei Ping of the M/V Da Ya Hai , Cosco (Hong Kong) Shipping Co. Ltd.
	The Master and crew of the vessel XIN OU ZHOU , China Shipping Container Lines Co. Ltd.
	Aircrew of Tianjin Branch of the CITIC Offshore Helicopter Company
	Mr. Guo Wenbiao of the fishing boat Zhe Ling Yu Yun 207
	Crew of the Hai Xun 1903 , Beihai Maritime Safety Administration
	Captain Pan Jinyuan of the fishing boat Gui He Yu 00189
GREECE	The crew of the patrol boat of the Hellenic Coast Guard PLS 140 and the crew and rescue divers of the SAR helicopter S/N 2574 of the Hellenic Air Force

NOMINATED BY	CANDIDATE
ITALY	17 Italian Coast Guard Officers and Personnel
	The Italian Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre, Italian Coast Guard Headquarters
MEXICO	Lt. César Osvaldo Lara Basto, Officer in Propulsion Division of the coastal patrol vessel ARM Rayon (PC-206)
NEW ZEALAND	Mr. Maurice Conti and Mrs. Sophie Conti
PHILIPPINES	Lt. Cdr. Vanessa Anne I. Garon and Ensign Maria Alexandra I. Garon of the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA)
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	Captain Cha Sang Geun of the M/T STX ACE 7 , STX PANOCEAN Shipping Co. Ltd., STX POS SHIP Management Co.
	Captain Kim Shin Ho of the M/V KMTC PORTKELANG , Korea Marine Transport Co. Ltd.
	JEJU 122 Maritime Rescue Team, JEJU RCC
	MOKPO Aviation Group, MOKPO RCC
SOUTH AFRICA	Mr. André Fletcher, National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI), Durban Rescue Base
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	AST2 Abram A. Heller of the United States Coast Guard, Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point
VIET NAM	Captain Cha Sang Geun (nominated also by the Republic of Korea)

NOMINATED BY	CANDIDATE
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PILOTS' ASSOCIATION (IMPA)	Captain Jason T. Bosley, Associated Branch Pilots (member group with the American Pilots' Association (APA))
	Captain Reed Southerland and Captain Matthew Bailey, Association of Maryland Pilots (member group with the American Pilots' Association (APA))
INTERNATIONAL SALVAGE UNION (ISU)	Mr. Dan Schwall (Project Manager), Mr. Jim Conroy (Salvage Master), Mr. Mike Wood (Salvage Engineer), Mr. Stephen Wood (Assistant Salvage Master), Mr. Terry Barrows (Salvage Foreman) and Mr. Nigel Raithby (Salvage Officer) of the Titan Salvage Team (assigned to the wreck removal of the M/V New Flame)
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME RESCUE FEDERATION (IMRF)	Captain Bobby Noble and Mr. Tejay England, crew member of the vessel Lynette Marie , Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Member
	Captain Xuehong Liu of the Rescue Tug DongHai Rescue 131 , DongHai Rescue, Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China
	Mr. Jun Wang, rescue swimmer of BeiHai No.1 Rescue Flying Service, China Rescue and Salvage, Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China
	Lt. Cdr. Vanessa Anne I. Garon and Ensign Maria Alexandra I. Garon of the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA) (nominated also by the Philippines)
	Mr. André Fletcher, National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI), Durban Rescue Base (nominated also by South Africa)
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION (ITF)	Master Bog Yong Lee, nominated by Dong Sik Bang, Federation of Korean Seafarers' Unions