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DRAFT SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

(Continued)

18 EXTERNAL RELATIONS (agenda item 18) (continued)

(e) World Maritime Day 2008 (agenda item 18(e))

18(e).1 The Council noted the information provided orally by the Secretary-General on the arrangements for World Maritime Day 2010 and endorsed his proposal that the theme for the Day should be:

“2010: Year of the Seafarer”

18(e).2 The Council authorized the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of World Maritime Day 2010, in accordance with the established practice.

Reference document: C 102/SR.10

(f) International Maritime Prize (agenda item 18(f))

18(f).1 The Council noted the information set out in the documentation, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the International Maritime Prize.

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18(f).2 The Council decided to award the International Maritime Prize for 2008 to Engineer Alberto Alemán Zubieta and extended its congratulations to him. It also expressed its appreciation to the Government of Panama for nominating such an eminent candidate for the Prize.

18(f).3 The Council also expressed its appreciation to Mr. Jerzy W. Vonau, who also had impressive credentials, and to the Government of Poland for nominating such an eminent candidate for the Prize.

18(f).4 The Council noted and endorsed the measures taken and those proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of the 2009 Prize.

Reference documents: C 102/18(f) (French and Spanish); C 102/18(f)/Rev.1 (English only); C 100/D; Circular letter No.2869; C 102/SR.10

(g) IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea (agenda item 18(g))

18(g).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 102/18(g) and its addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

18(g).2 The Council endorsed the decision of the Panel of Judges to bestow the 2009 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea jointly on Mr. Maurice Conti and Mrs. Sophie Conti, nominated by the Government of New Zealand, and to AST2 Abram A. Heller, nominated by the Government of the United States.

18(g).3 In addition, the Council agreed that Certificates of Commendation in recognition of meritorious services rendered should be awarded to the following nominees:

- (i) the Master and crew of the vessel **Xin Ou Zhou**, nominated by the Government of China;
- (ii) Lt. César Osvaldo Lara Basto, Officer in the Propulsion Division of the coastal patrol vessel **ARM Rayon (PC-206)**, nominated by the Government of Mexico;

- (iii) Captain Cha Sang Geun, of the **M/T STX ACE 7**, nominated by the Governments of the Republic of Korea and Viet Nam; and
- (iv) Captain Bobby Noble and Mr. Tejay England, crew members of the sunken vessel **Lynette Marie**, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, nominated by the International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF).

18(g).4 The Council further agreed that Letters of Commendation should be sent to the following nominees:

- (i) Mr. Nabil Abdelaziz (posthumously), able seaman of the tugboat **Skikda**, nominated by the Government of Algeria;
- (ii) Lt.Cdr. Leonardo Barbosa Corrêa (2nd Pilot), Lt. (Marine Corps) Wagner Pinto Alves (1st 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), nominated by the Government of Brazil;
- (iii) Captain Zeng Zuoqing, of the rescue tug **Nanghaiju 101**, Nanghai Rescue Bureau, nominated by the Government of China;
- (iv) the crew of the **Hai Xun 1903**, Beihai Maritime Safety Administration, nominated by the Government of China;
- (v) seventeen Italian Coast Guard Officers and Personnel, nominated by the Government of Italy;
- (vi) Lt. Cdr. Vanessa Anne I. Garon and Ensign Maria Alexandra I. Garon, Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary, nominated by the Government of the Philippines and IMRF;
- (vii) Captain Kim Shin Ho, of the **M/V KMTC Portkelang**, nominated by the Government of the Republic of Korea;

- (viii) Captain Jason T. Bosley, Associated Branch Pilots (American Pilots' Association), nominated by the International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA);
- (ix) Captain Reed Southerland and Captain Matthew Bailey, Association of Maryland Pilots (American Pilots' Association), nominated by IMPA;
- (x) 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), nominated by the International Salvage Union (ISU); and
- (xi) Mr. Jun Wang, rescue swimmer of Beihai No. 1 Rescue Flying Service, China Rescue and Salvage, nominated by IMRF.

18(g).5 The Council extended its congratulations to Mr. Maurice Conti and Mrs. Sophie Conti and to AST2 Abram A. Heller, the joint winners of the 2009 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea, and to those candidates who had been selected to receive Certificates of Commendation or Letters of Commendation; and also expressed appreciation to all the remaining candidates and to those Governments and organizations, which had nominated such worthy candidates for the Award.

18(g).6 The Council endorsed the Secretary-General's proposal that a special, one-off, Certificate for Exceptional Services Rendered to Shipping and Mankind be presented to the Commanding officers, officers, petty officers and crews of the naval ships that have participated in the international efforts to repress piracy off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden.

18(g).7 The Council noted and endorsed the arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of the 2010 Award.

Reference documents: C 102/18(g) and Add.1; C 100/D; Circular letter No.2934; C 102/SR.10

19 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION (agenda item 19)

19.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 102/19 and its corrigendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of the Convention and membership of the Organization.

19.2 The Council particularly noted, with great satisfaction, the further growth in the membership of the Organization, following the action taken by the Secretary-General, in response to the request made at its 101st session, to encourage States, not yet Members of the Organization, to consider joining the membership. In this context, the Council extended a very warm welcome to the Republic of Uganda, the 169th Member of the Organization; and looked forward to welcoming the Federated States of Micronesia in the Organization in due course.

19.3 The Council recommended that IMO Member States, which are not members of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), consider joining that Organization for the reasons explained by the Secretary-General.

Reference documents: C 102/19 and Corr.1 (English and Spanish only); C 102/SR.10

20 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS (agenda item 20)

20.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 102/20 and its addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs depositary functions.

20.2 The Council endorsed the Secretary-General's continuing efforts to encourage Governments to consider accepting those instruments to which they were not yet Parties; and, in particular, reiterated its plea to Member Governments to pay special attention to ratifying:

- (i) as far as safety-related conventions are concerned, the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol and the 1995 STCW-F Convention; and

- (ii) as far as environment-related conventions are concerned, the 2004 Ballast Water Management Convention,

in order to enable them to enter into force as soon as possible. The Council also urged Member Governments to ratify Annex VI to the MARPOL Convention (on Prevention of air pollution from ships).

20.3 As far as security-related conventions are concerned, the Council endorsed the need for an early entry into force of the 2005 SUA Protocols and, consequently, urged Member Governments to take the necessary action to effect this, as a matter of priority.

20.4 The Council also urged both Signatory and non-Signatory States, to consider ratifying the 2007 Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks; and further urged Governments to take prompt action with regard to the recently-adopted Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009, which will be open for signature at the IMO Headquarters from 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010. The Council also requested Governments to consider ratifying the ILO's Consolidated Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.

20.5 The Council requested the Secretary-General to continue communicating with Governments that had not yet ratified IMO treaties, encouraging and assisting them to accept and implement these treaties at their earliest convenience.

Reference documents: C 102/20 and Add.1; C 102/SR.10

21 DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 21)

21.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 102/21, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, concerning the proposed dates for the next two sessions of the Council.

21.2 The Council agreed that:

- (i) its twenty-fifth extraordinary session would be held on Thursday, 19 and Friday, 20 November 2009 at the Headquarters of the Organization; and

- (ii) its 103rd session would be held on Friday, 4 December 2009, at the Headquarters of the Organization, at the conclusion of the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly.

Reference documents: C 102/21; C 102/SR.10

22 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS (agenda item 22)

(a) Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Council (agenda item 22(a))

22(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 102/22(a), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Council.

22(a).2 The Council approved the amendments to rule 5, paragraphs (c) and (d), as well as to rules 13(c) and 31, of its Rules of Procedure (contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the document); and noted that the amendments contained in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the document would be inserted in the new publication of Basis Documents, Volume One.

22(a).3 The Council noted the draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the document, and agreed to transmit them [with its comments and recommendations] to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly, for adoption.

Reference documents: C 102/22(a); resolutions A.724(17) and A.780(19); C 86/D, paragraph 26(b).1 and annex 3; C 89/D, paragraph 1.1; C 97/13(b); C 97/D, paragraph 13(b).2; A 25/19(c), annex 2; A 25/SR.10; C 102/SR.10

(b) Substantive items for inclusion in the provisional agendas for the next two sessions of the Council (agenda item 22(b))

22(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 102/WP.3, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on substantive items proposed for inclusion in the provisional agendas for the next two sessions of the Council.

22(b).2 The Council agreed to the introduction of the practice outlined by the Secretary-General and took note of the substantive items proposed for inclusion in the provisional agendas for the twenty-fifth extraordinary and the 103rd regular sessions of the Council, as set out in the document.

22(b).3 The Council also noted that the adoption of the agendas would take place at the beginning of each session, as per the usual practice.

Reference documents: C 102/WP.3; C 102/SR.10

(c) MEPC Chairman's statement on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

22(c).1 The Council endorsed and supported the statement by the MEPC Chairman with regard to the desirability of the MEPC, at its fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions, finalizing its technical work on GHG emissions and also progressing the debate on market-based mechanisms, as provided in the Committee's action plan.

Reference document: C 102/SR.10
