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## REPORT ON WORLD MARITIME DAY 2002

### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

<b><i>Executive summary:</i></b>	This document reports on the status of World Maritime Day for 2002.
<b><i>Action to be taken:</i></b>	Paragraph 5
<b><i>Related documents:</i></b>	C/ES.21/D

1 In accordance with the practice approved by the Assembly and the Council, World Maritime Day 2002 will be celebrated in the last week of September. The theme for 2002, as approved by the Council at its twenty-first extraordinary session, is:

"IMO – SAFER SHIPPING DEMANDS A SAFETY CULTURE"

2 As in previous years, the Secretary-General will be circulating to Governments and to organizations associated with the work of IMO appropriate information and material to assist them in planning their programmes and ceremonies for the Day. The material to be circulated includes:

- .1 a cassette recording of a message from the Secretary-General on the occasion of World Maritime Day 2002;
- .2 the text of the Secretary-General's message; and
- .3 a statement on the theme for 2002: "IMO – Safer Shipping Demands a Safety Culture".

3 At IMO Headquarters, World Maritime Day will be celebrated on 26 September 2002, and the necessary arrangements are being made for this purpose.

4 A report on the celebration of the Day will be submitted to the Council in an addendum to this document.

#### Action requested of the Council

5 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document.