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## MEMORIAL TO SEAFARERS

### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

- Executive summary:** This document reports on developments concerning the Seafarers Memorial Trust Fund since C 88
- Action to be taken:** Paragraph 6
- Related documents:** Circular letter No.2096 of 18 November 1998; C 88/D, paragraphs 26.1 to 26.3

#### Establishment of a chair at the World Maritime University

1 The Council will recall that, as reported by the Secretary-General at its eighty-eighth session, following the successful completion of the Seafarers Memorial Trust Fund's first objective, i.e. the erection of an International Memorial to Seafarers, work was now being directed towards achieving the second objective of the scheme, namely the establishment of a chair on maritime safety and marine pollution prevention at the World Maritime University. The annual cost for this is estimated at US\$100,000 and the Secretary-General's objective has therefore been to build up a substantial capital fund from voluntary donations, which would serve as a basis for funding the Chair on a sustained basis.

2 The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to reiterate his appreciation to the wide range of contributors (including Governments, shipowners, companies, seafarer organizations, classification societies, international organizations and individuals) for their generosity, which has enabled the accomplishment of the first objective. Having launched a campaign to secure funds so that the second and, subsequently, all the other objectives set may be accomplished in good time, he now appeals to all potential donors to contribute as generously as possible.

3 At the time of writing, the Fund's net balance, following deduction of further expenses relating to the International Memorial to Seafarers, stands at approximately £150,000.

#### Board of Trustees

4 Since C 88, further progress has been made towards completion of the formation of the Board of Trustees.

5 A progress report on further developments in all areas pertaining to the scheme will be provided to the next session of the Council.

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**Action requested of the Council**

6 The Council is invited to note the above information and to comment as deemed appropriate.

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