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APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Note by the Chairman of the Council

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document outlines for the information of the Council, background information concerning the procedures for the appointment of Secretaries-General.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 5

Related documents: C 61/27, C 61/D and C 86/D

1 The Assembly, at its twenty-second session, adopted Resolution A.902(22), approving the recommendation of the eighty-sixth session of the Council to extend the appointment of Mr. William O'Neil as Secretary-General of the Organization from 1 January 2002 to conclude on 31 December 2003.

2 This document provides the Council with background information to assist in its consideration of the arrangements for appointing the future Secretary-General.

3 The IMO Convention states in Article 22:

“The Council, with the approval of the Assembly, shall appoint the Secretary-General. The Council shall also make provision for the appointment of such other personnel as may be necessary, and determine the terms and conditions of service of the Secretary-General and other personnel, which terms and conditions shall conform as far as possible with those of the United Nations and its specialized agencies.”

4 The Council might wish to note that when this matter last arose at the Council's sixty-first session in 1988, the Council decided, in respect of the procedures for appointing a new Secretary-General, that the Secretary-General would inform all Member States that:

- (i) the post of Secretary-General would become vacant on the expiration of the contract of the then Secretary-General;
- (ii) the Council, in accordance with Article 22 of the IMO Convention, would intend to take the necessary action at its subsequent June session with regard to the appointment of a Secretary-General, for submission to the Assembly for its approval at its next regular session;

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- (iii) applications from candidates for the position of Secretary-General were invited, to reach IMO by a determined date in March of the subsequent year at the latest;
- (iv) the Secretary-General had been requested to circulate to Members of the Council without delay any candidacies received, or any other communications received in response to the invitation referred to above, and
- (v) the matter of the appointment of the Secretary-General would be placed on the agenda of the subsequent June session of the Council.

Action requested of the Council

5 The Council is invited to take note of the information contained in this document and to decide as appropriate.
