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**PERIODIC REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS
IN MANDATORY IMO INSTRUMENTS**

**Revised Strategic Direction in Relation to the Reduction of Administrative Burdens
Submitted by Chile, the Marshall Islands, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom**

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document proposes a revision to Strategic Direction 8 and the associated High-level Action, and also proposes consequential planned outputs for the 2016-2017 biennium

Strategic direction: 8

High-level action: 8.0.4

Planned output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 10

Related documents: C 114/13, C 114/13/1 and C 113/D

Introduction

1 This document responds to the request from the Council at its 113th session for Member States to put forward submissions to change Strategic Direction 8 in the Organization's Strategic Plan.

2 Following the significant work carried out by the Council and its Ad Hoc Steering Group on the Reduction of Administrative Requirements (SG-RAR), and in order to show that IMO takes the responses received in the 2013 stakeholder consultation seriously and in order to show results, it is important that the Organization's Strategic Plan properly reflects that work on this matter is ongoing.

Strategic Direction 8

3 The current Strategic Plan contains 13 Strategic Directions; however, many of these directions cover multiple topics, and currently Strategic Direction 8 contains both matters related to facilitation and the reduction of administrative burdens.

4 Though it would lead to renumbering of the following Strategic Directions (and consequential amendments to High-level Actions and Planned Outputs), it is proposed to have an independent Strategic Direction on the reduction of administrative burdens to highlight the importance hereof.

5 Building on the work carried out so far, it is proposed that Strategic Direction 8 will be split as follows:

SD 8 IMO will seek to ensure that measures to promote safe, secure and environmentally sound shipping do not unduly affect the efficiency of shipping. It will also constantly review such measures to ensure their adequacy, effectiveness and relevance, using the best available tools, thereby securing better regulation without unnecessary or disproportionate administrative requirements.

SD 8(*bis*) Based on the outcome of the public consultation on the reduction of administrative burdens in existing IMO instruments and taking into account the principles set out in Assembly resolution [see document C 114/3], the Organization will take the necessary steps to ensure that IMO's instruments are free from unnecessary, disproportionate or obsolete administrative requirements, without compromising safety, security and the protection of the environment¹.

6 Furthermore, it is suggested that a new High-level Action is introduced to replace the current 8.0.4² as follows:

"Develop and implement more efficient solutions for those administrative requirements that are necessary, and remove those administrative requirements that are unnecessary, disproportionate or obsolete."

Planned outputs

7 The Council at its 113th session requested the committees to develop relevant planned outputs to be included in the High-level Action Plan for the biennium 2016-2017. These planned outputs should be included under the revised Strategic Direction.

8 In addition, the Council would still have work to do in this relation. It is recalled that the Council invited Member States to put forward submissions in relation to recommendation 12 on practical principles and criteria for review of administrative requirements. Unless the Council finalizes this work at its upcoming session, this should be included as a Planned Output for the 2016-2017 biennium.

9 Furthermore, referring to the document from the Secretary-General on a web portal (see C 114/13/1), it would also be relevant for the Council in the upcoming biennium to thoroughly discuss this matter.

¹ The underlined text replaces the current text in Strategic Direction 8: "The Organization will periodically review administrative provisions of existing conventions and mandatory instruments with the aim of finding improved, more efficient solutions for those administrative requirements that are necessary. Those provisions of existing conventions and mandatory instruments that have become unnecessary and/or burdensome will also be reformed and/or eliminated without compromising safety, security and the protection of the environment."

² Implement resolution A.1043(27) on the *Periodic Review of Administrative Requirements in Mandatory IMO Instruments*.

Action requested of the Council

10 The Council is invited to consider the information contained in this document, and to agree to introduce the outlined changes in the Assembly resolutions of the Strategic Plan and the High-level Action Plan, as appropriate.
