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(g) IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on the nomination of candidates for the 2015 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea; and on arrangements for the award so far

Strategic direction: 11.1

High-level action: 11.1.1

Planned output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 4

Related documents: C 112/D and Circular Letters Nos.3483 and 3526

Background

1 In accordance with the arrangements approved by the Council for the establishment of the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea, Circular Letter No.3483 was issued (on 3 September 2014), inviting nominations for the 2015 Award for actions performed during the period 1 March 2014 to 28 February 2015. Interested Governments and international organizations were invited to submit their nominations by 15 April 2015.

2 The nominations received, by the deadline set, in response to that invitation are listed in the annex to this document.

3 In line with the revised Guidelines for the Award, approved by the Council at its 113th session and promulgated by means of Circular Letter No.3526, the nominations were, in the first instance, scrutinized by an Assessment Panel composed of experts and chaired by the Director of the Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, who met at IMO Headquarters on 14 May 2015. The Panel's recommendations will thereafter be submitted to a Panel of Judges, chaired by the Council Chairman, who will then decide on the recipient of the Award.

Action requested of the Council

4 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and to comment or decide as appropriate.

ANNEX

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2015 IMO AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AT SEA

NOMINATED BY	CANDIDATE
AUSTRALIA	Captain Christian Hegart and the crew of the M/V Lars Maersk
CHINA	Captain Lai Zhixing, Master of the rescue vessel Nan Hai Jiu 111 , Nanhai Rescue Bureau
	The crew of the rescue vessel Bei Hai Jiu 116 , Beihai Rescue Bureau
	The crew of the M/V Xinfa Hai
COLOMBIA	Captain Luis Fernando Serna Herrera, Lieutenant Fernando Molano Morales, Sergeant Rafael Ricardo Vargas Salamanca, Petty Officer First Class John Vargas Ruan, Petty Officer Third Class Cesar Augusto Chaparro Vargas and Corporal Julián Andrés Rodríguez Montoya, crew members of the rescue helicopter ARC 227, Colombian Navy
FRANCE	Captain Alain Quéré, Master of the oil tanker Antarctica
	Captain Jean-Daniel Widmaier, Ensign Guillaume Pouyaud, Petty Officer Nicolas Norguet and Petty Officer William Hubert, crew members of the helicopter Rescue Tango, Detachment of 35F flotilla at Tahiti-Faa'a, French Navy
	The crew of the rescue launch SNS 161 Président Pierre Huby , volunteers at Le Havre Station, National Maritime Rescue Association (SNSM)
	Gendarme Bruno Delevoye, diver of the Aviation Section, Le Port Coastal Brigade, Saint-Denis Gendarme Service, Gendarme Command, La Réunion
	Gendarme Grégory Borg, member of Squadron 14/6, Perpignan mobile gendarme unit, Marseillan-Plage temporary station, National Gendarme Service
	Police Officer Yannick Jurczak, Nancy Police Force, French National Police
	Mr. Jean-Claude Van Rymentant (skipper) and the crew of the rescue launch SNS 129 Notre Dame de la Garoupe , volunteers at Saint Martin Station, National Maritime Rescue Association (SNSM)
	Trainee Police Officers Fabien Laplume, Jean-Baptiste Martin, Mathieu Octavie, Guillaume Palizzotto Trinquier and Julien Porteix, French National Police
	Trainee Police Officer Roman David, French National Police

NOMINATED BY	CANDIDATE
GEORGIA	Father Ilia Kartoza (posthumously), Abbot of the Monastery of Saint David the Builder, Patriarchate of Georgia, passenger on the ro-ro/passenger ship Norman Atlantic
ITALY	The crews of rescue naval units CP 302 and CP 305, Italian Coast Guard
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	Captain Jong In-gyo, Master of the M/V Hyundai Grace
	The Master and crew of the patrol vessel 3007, Coast Guard of the Republic of Korea
	Captain Jo Myeong-seon, Master of the M/V Ams Pegasus 1
SOUTH AFRICA	Coxswain Johnny Albert, Crewman Jeremy Godfrey and Crewman Alex Albert, volunteer crewmen of the rescue boat Rotarian Schipper , Station 2, Bakoven, National Sea Rescue Institute
TURKEY	Lieutenant Commander Ekrem Yildirim, Lieutenant Junior Grade Cihan Doğruöz, Chief Petty Officer Orhan Cesur and Chief Petty Officer Hasan Yaman, crew members of the rescue helicopter TCSG-514, Turkish Coast Guard Air Command
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Lieutenant John Hess, Lieutenant Matthew Vanderslice, Aviation Maintenance Technician Derrick Suba and Aviation Survival Technician Evan Staph, crew members of the rescue helicopter CG-6033, US Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod
	Lieutenant Scott Black, Aviation Maintenance Technician Michael Spraggins and Aviation Survival Technician Christopher Leon, crew members of the rescue helicopter CG-6531, US Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco
	Aviation Survival Technician Jonathan Kreske, rescue swimmer of the helicopter CG-6005, US Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak
INTERNATIONAL SHIP MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION (InterManager)	Captain Sachin Srivastava and the crew of the M/T Stena Paris
	The crew of the M/T Stena Antarctica
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION (ITF)	Captain Nikolaos Achlatis, Master of the M/T Bonita