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**REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS AND OTHER
MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH
THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS**

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document updates, to 19 June 2015, the status information contained in document C 114/19

Strategic direction: 2

High-level action: 2.0.1

Planned output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 11

Related document: C 114/19

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1 Since the preparation of document C 114/19 which reflected, as at 15 May 2015, the situation with regard to the status of conventions and other instruments in respect of which IMO performs functions, certain changes have occurred, as follows.

I ENTRY INTO FORCE OF INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO

Amendments to Conventions and Protocols

2012 amendments to the Protocol of 1996 to amend the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976 (amendments to the limitation amounts set out in article 3) (LEG.5(99))

2 These amendments were adopted by the Legal Committee on 19 April 2012, by resolution LEG.5(99) and notified under cover of Note Verbale No. NV1 B1/F/3.03, issued on 8 June 2012. At the time of their adoption, the Committee determined that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted at the end of a period of 18 months after the date of notification (i.e. 8 December 2013) unless, prior to that date, not less than

one fourth of the States that were Contracting States on the date of the adoption of the amendments had communicated to the Secretary-General that they did not accept these amendments. As of 8 December 2013, no such notification of objection had been received. Therefore, in accordance with article 8(8) of the 1996 Protocol, these amendments, deemed to have been accepted, entered into force on 8 June 2015 (i.e. 18 months after their acceptance).

II DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULFILLED

A Conventions and Protocols

Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the 1993 Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977

3 Since the issue of document C 114/19, there has been one further accession to this Agreement, by the Republic of the Congo. Therefore, as at 19 June 2015, there were four Contracting States to the Agreement.

B Amendments to Conventions and Protocols

Adoption of the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) (MSC.391(95))

4 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session in June 2015, adopted the *International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code)* (resolution (MSC.391(95))). At the time of its adoption, the Committee invited Contracting Governments to SOLAS 1974 to note that the IGF Code will take effect on 1 January 2017, upon the entry into force of the amendments to SOLAS 1974, adopted by resolution MSC.392(95)) (see paragraph 5 below).

2015 amendments under SOLAS

2015 amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (chapters II-1, II-2 and appendix) (MSC.392(95))

5 These amendments were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session in June 2015, by resolution MSC.392(95). At the time of their adoption, the Committee determined that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to the former date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As of 19 June 2015, no objections to these amendments had been received.

2015 amendments to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (MSC.394(95))

6 These amendments were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session in June 2015, by resolution MSC.394(95). At the time of their adoption, the Committee determined that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to the former date, more than one third of the Parties to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol or Parties, the combined

merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As of 19 June 2015, no objections to these amendments had been received.

2015 amendments to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (MSC.395(95))

7 These amendments were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session in June 2015, by resolution MSC.395(95). At the time of their adoption, the Committee determined that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to the former date, more than one third of the Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol or Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As of 19 June 2015, no objections to these amendments had been received.

2015 amendments to STCW

8 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session in June 2015, determined that the amendments in paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to the former date, more than one third of the Parties to STCW, or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments:

- .1 **2015 amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 (MSC.396(95)); and**
- .2 **2015 amendments to part A of the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code (MSC.397(95)).**

As of 19 June 2015, no objections to these amendments had been received.

Other amendments

2015 amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) (MSC.393(95))

9 These amendments were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session in June 2015, by resolution MSC.393(95)¹. At the time of their adoption, the Committee determined that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2016 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2017 unless, prior to the former date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to SOLAS 1974 or Contracting Governments, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments. As of 19 June 2015, no objections to these amendments had been received.

¹ Contracting Governments to SOLAS 1974 may apply the aforementioned amendments in whole or in part on a voluntary basis as from 1 January 2016.

II RATIFICATIONS OF INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE HAVE BEEN FULFILLED

10 A list of instruments relating to conventions in respect of which the Organization performs functions, received since the preparation of document C 114/19, is contained in the annex to this document.

III ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

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

ANNEX

LIST OF INSTRUMENTS RECEIVED FROM 16 MAY 2015 TO 19 JUNE 2015

Country	Treaty	Method of deposit	Date of deposit	Date of Entry into force/Effective date of denunciation
MAY 2015				
Montenegro	MARPOL PROT 1997	Accession	21-May-15	21-Aug-15
Jordan	CLC PROT 1992	Accession	27-May-15	27-May-16
Congo	LL PROT 1988	Accession	28-May-15	28-Aug-15
Congo	MARPOL PROT 1997	Accession	28-May-15	28-Aug-15
Congo	CSC 1993 amendments	Acceptance	28-May-15	Not yet in force*
Congo	OPRC-HNS 2000	Accession	28-May-15	28-Aug-15
Congo	CAPE TOWN AGREEMENT 2012	Accession	28-May-15	Not yet in force
Congo	SOLAS AGR 1996	Accession	28-May-15	27-Jun-15
Congo	STP 1971	Accession	28-May-15	28-Aug-15
Congo	SPACE STP 1973	Accession	28-May-15	28-Aug-15
Congo	SUA	Accession	28-May-15	26-Aug-15
Congo	SUA PROT	Accession	28-May-15	26-Aug-15
Congo	SUA 2005	Accession	28-May-15	26-Aug-15
Congo	SUA PROT 2005	Accession	28-May-15	26-Aug-15
JUNE 2015				
Sweden	PAL PROT 2002	Ratification	02-Jun-15	02-Sep-15
Ethiopia	LL PROT 1988	Accession	03-Jun-15	03-Sep-15
Bahamas	NAIROBI WRC 2007	Accession	05-Jun-15	05-Sep-15
Spain	PAL 1974	Denunciation	11-Jun-15	11-Sep-15
Spain	PAL PROT 1976	Denunciation	11-Jun-15	11-Sep-15
Spain	PAL PROT 1990	Revocation of accession	11-Jun-15	11-Jun-15
Spain	PAL PROT 2002	Ratification	11-Jun-15	11-Sep-15
Nigeria	SOLAS PROT 1988	Accession	18-Jun-15	18-Sep-15
Nigeria	LL PROT 1988	Accession	18-Jun-15	18-Sep-15
Nigeria	MARPOL PROT 1997	Accession	18-Jun-15	18-Sep-15
Nigeria	SUA PROT 1988	Ratification	18-Jun-15	16-Sep-15
Nigeria	SUA 2005	Accession	18-Jun-15	16-Sep-15

* The 1993 amendments were, however, incorporated into CSC 1972 as a new set of amendments to the annex to the Convention by resolution MSC.355(92), adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-second session on 21 June 2013. The 2013 amendments, which have the same effect as the 1993 amendments, entered into force on 1 July 2014 under the tacit acceptance procedure and are binding for all States Parties to the Convention.