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**REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

**SUMMARY**

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the status of the Convention and the membership of the Organization
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	2
<i>High-level action:</i>	2.0.1
<i>Planned output:</i>	No related provisions
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 6
<i>Related documents:</i>	None

**Membership of the Organization**

1 Since the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly, in November 2011, there has been no change in the membership of the Organization, which continues to stand at 170. There has also been no change in the number of Associate Members, which continues to stand at three<sup>1</sup>.

2 The Council will recall that, at its 101st session, in November 2008, it requested the Secretary-General to consider possible action to identify States that are not yet Members of the Organization and encourage them to consider joining it. Two States – the Republic of Uganda and the Federated States of Micronesia – were so identified and approached accordingly.

3 The Council will be aware that, as a result of this initiative, Uganda became an IMO Member on 30 June 2009. The Federated States of Micronesia has yet to respond.

4 In March this year, discussions on possible IMO membership were initiated with a third State, the Lao People's Democratic Republic. All relevant information in this regard has been provided; as yet, there has been no further progress.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the decision taken by the Council at its ninety-third session, the practice of listing the whole membership of the Organization at each Council session, in an annex to this document, has been discontinued, except at the last regular session of the Council preceding a regular session of the Assembly.

5 Any further developments in this regard will be reported to the Council, as appropriate.

**Action requested of the Council**

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

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