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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 reports on the status, as of 6 May 2016, of treaties and amendments thereto deposited with IMO, in respect of which the Organization performs functions

Strategic direction: 2

High-level action: 2.0.1

Output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 40

Related documents: A 29/21 and A 29/21/Add.1

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1 This document reports on developments, since the twenty-eighth extraordinary session of the Council and the twenty-ninth regular session of the Assembly, held in November and December 2015, concerning treaties and amendments thereto deposited with IMO, in respect of which the Organization performs functions. This information is provided in two sections:

- Section I reports on the entry into force of instruments and amendments thereto (paragraphs 4 to 13);
- Section II reports on developments with regard to instruments in respect of which the conditions for entry into force have not yet been fulfilled (paragraphs 14 to 38).

2 A list of instruments received since the twenty-ninth regular session of the Assembly (documents A 29/21 and A 29/21/Add.1 refer) is attached in the annex to this document.

3 Comprehensive information on conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs depositary and other functions, with respective entry into force dates, is available on the IMO public website under *Status of Conventions*.

I ENTRY INTO FORCE OF INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO

AMENDMENTS TO CONVENTIONS AND PROTOCOLS

SOLAS AMENDMENTS THAT ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 1 JANUARY 2016

4 The amendments in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.8 below were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session on 22 May 2014. The conditions for their entry into force were met on 1 July 2015 and these amendments entered into force on 1 January 2016:

- .1 ***2014 amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (chapters II-1 and II-2) (MSC.365(93));***
- .2 ***2014 amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (addition of a new chapter XIII) (MSC.366(93));***
- .3 ***2014 amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code) (MSC.367(93));***
- .4 ***2014 amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code (MSC.368(93));***
- .5 ***2014 amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) (MSC.369(93));***
- .6 ***2014 amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) (MSC.370(93));***
- .7 ***2014 amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code) (MSC.371(93)); and***
- .8 ***2014 amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code (MSC.372(93)).***

SOLAS AMENDMENTS THAT WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON 1 JULY 2016

2014 amendments to SOLAS 1974 (chapters II-2, VI and XI-1 and Appendix) (MSC.380(94))

5 These amendments were adopted on 21 November 2014 by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fourth session, by resolution MSC.380(94). The conditions for the entry into force were met on 1 January 2016 and the amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2016.

2014 amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code) (MSC.381(94))

6 These amendments were adopted on 21 November 2014 by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fourth session, by resolution MSC.381(94). The conditions for the entry into force were met on 1 January 2016 and the amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2016.

MARPOL AMENDMENTS THAT ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 1 JANUARY 2016

7 The amendments in paragraphs 7.1 to 7.5 below were adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-sixth session on 4 April 2014. The conditions for their entry into force were met on 1 July 2015 and these amendments entered into force on 1 January 2016:

- .1 **2014 amendments to the annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, III, IV and V to make the use of the III Code mandatory) (MEPC.246(66));**
- .2 **2014 amendments to the annex of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (to make the use of the III Code mandatory) (MEPC.247(66));**
- .3 **2014 amendments to the annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to MARPOL Annex I) (Mandatory carriage requirements for a stability instrument) (MEPC.248(66));**
- .4 **2014 amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code) (Cargo containment and Form of Certificate of Fitness) (MEPC.249(66)); and**
- .5 **2014 amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) (General, Ship survival capability and location of cargo tanks, Cargo tank venting and gas-freeing arrangements, Environmental control, Fire protection and fire extinction, Special requirements, Summary of minimum requirements, and Form of Certificate of Fitness) (MEPC.250(66)).**

MARPOL AMENDMENTS THAT ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 1 MARCH 2016

8 The amendments in paragraphs 8.1 to 8.3 below were adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-seventh session on 17 October 2014. The conditions for their entry into force were met on 1 September 2015 and these amendments entered into force on 1 March 2016:

- .1 **2014 amendment to the annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendment to MARPOL Annex I, regulation 43) (MEPC.256(67));**

- .2 ***2014 amendment to the annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendment to MARPOL Annex III, Appendix – Criteria for the identification of harmful substances in packaged form) (MEPC.257(67));***
and
- .3 ***2014 amendments to the annex of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, regulations 2 and 13 and the Supplement to the IAPP certificate) (MEPC.258(67)).***

STCW 1978

2014 amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 (MSC.373(93))

9 These amendments were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session on 22 May 2014, by resolution MSC.373(93). The conditions for their entry into force were met on 1 July 2015 and these amendments entered into force on 1 January 2016.

STCW Code

2014 amendments to the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code (MSC.374(93))

10 These amendments were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session on 22 May 2014, by resolution MSC.374(93). The conditions for their entry into force were met on 1 July 2015 and these amendments entered into force on 1 January 2016.

LL 1966

2014 amendments to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (MSC.375(93))

11 These amendments were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-third session on 22 May 2014, by resolution MSC.375(93). The conditions for their entry into force were met on 1 July 2015 and the amendments entered into force on 1 January 2016.

TONNAGE 1969

2013 Amendments to the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 (A.1084(28))

12 These amendments were adopted by the Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on 4 December 2013 in accordance with article 18(3)(b) of the Convention. The conditions for their entry into force were met on 28 February 2016 and these amendments will enter into force on 28 February 2017.

COLREG 1972

2013 Amendments to the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (A.1085(28))

13 These amendments were adopted by the Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on 4 December 2013 in accordance with paragraph 3, article VI of the Convention. The conditions for their entry into force were met on 1 July 2015 and these amendments entered into force on 1 January 2016.

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

International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004

14 As of 6 May 2016, there were 49 Contracting States to this Convention, representing approximately 34.81% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

15 In accordance with its article 18, this Convention will enter into force 12 months after the date on which not less than 30 States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 35% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with article 17.

Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009

16 As of 6 May 2016, there were four Contracting States to this Convention, representing approximately 2.27% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping and the combined maximum annual ship recycling volume of these States during the preceding 10 years amounts to 48,692 gross tonnage.

17 In accordance with its article 17, the Convention will enter into force 24 months after the date on which the following conditions have been fulfilled:

- .1 not less than 15 States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited the requisite instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General in accordance with article 16;
- .2 the combined merchant fleets of the States mentioned in paragraph 1 above constitute not less than 40% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping; and
- .3 the combined maximum annual ship recycling volume of the States mentioned in paragraph 2 above during the preceding 10 years constitutes not less than 3% of the gross tonnage of the combined merchant shipping of the same States.

Protocol of 2010 to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996

18 As of 6 May 2016, there were still no Contracting States to this Protocol. This Protocol effectively supersedes the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 (1996 HNS Convention) which is not intended to enter into force. In accordance with resolution 3 of the International Conference on the Revision of the HNS Convention, Governments should therefore express their consent to be bound only by the 2010 Protocol, without any reference to the 1996 HNS Convention.

19 In accordance with its article 21, the Protocol will enter into force 18 months after the date on which the following conditions have been fulfilled:

- .1 at least 12 States, including four States each with not less than 2 million units of gross tonnage, have expressed their consent to be bound by it; and
- .2 the Secretary-General has received information in accordance with article 20, paragraphs 4 and 6, that those persons in such States who would be liable to contribute pursuant to article 18, paragraphs 1(a) and (c), of the Convention, as amended by this Protocol, have received during the preceding calendar year a total quantity of at least 40 million tonnes of cargo contributing to the general account.

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

20 As of 6 May 2016, there were five Contracting States to the Agreement, representing approximately 3.22% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping with an aggregate number of fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over operating on the high seas equivalent to 694. This Agreement effectively updates and revises the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977, which is not intended to enter into force.

21 In accordance with its article 4, this Agreement will enter into force 12 months after the date on which not less than 22 States, the aggregate number of whose fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over operating on the high seas is not less than 3,600, have expressed their consent to be bound by it.

B MULTI-TREATY AMENDMENTS

INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR SHIPS OPERATING IN POLAR WATERS (POLAR CODE)

Amendments under SOLAS

Adoption of the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) (MSC.385(94))

22 The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fourth session adopted, on 21 November 2014, the safety-related provisions of the Introduction and the whole of parts I-A and I-B of the Polar Code, by resolution MSC.385(94). At the time of its adoption, the Committee determined that the Code would take effect on 1 January 2017, upon the entry into force of the amendments to SOLAS 1974, adopted by resolution MSC.386(94) (see paragraph 23 below).

2014 amendments to SOLAS 1974 (new chapter XIV) (amendments to make use of the safety-related provisions of the Polar Code mandatory) (MSC.386(94))

23 These amendments were adopted on 21 November 2014 by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fourth session, by resolution MSC.386(94). 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 6 May 2016, no objections to these amendments had been received.

Amendments under MARPOL

Adoption of the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) (MEPC.264(68))

24 The Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-eighth session adopted, on 15 May 2015, the environment-related provisions of the Introduction and the whole of parts II-A and II-B of the Polar Code, by resolution MEPC.264(68). At the time of its adoption, the Committee determined that the Code would take effect on 1 January 2017, upon the entry into force of the amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V, adopted by resolution MEPC.265(68) (see paragraph 25 below).

2015 amendment to the annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V to make the use of the environment-related provisions of the Polar Code mandatory) (MEPC.265(68))

25 These amendments were adopted on 15 May 2015 by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-eighth session, by resolution MEPC.265(68). 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, not less than one third of the Parties to MARPOL 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 6 May 2016, no objections to these amendments had been received.

C OTHER AMENDMENTS

2015 MARPOL AMENDMENTS

2015 amendment to the annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to MARPOL Annex I – regulation 12) (MEPC.266(68))

26 These amendments were adopted on 15 May 2015 by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-eighth session, by resolution MEPC.266(68). 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, not less than one third of the Parties to MARPOL 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 6 May 2016, no objections to these amendments had been received.

2016 MARPOL AMENDMENTS

27 The Marine Environment Protection Committee adopted on 22 April 2016, at its sixty-ninth session the amendments in paragraphs 27.1 to 27.4 below. At the time of the adoption, the Committee determined that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 March 2017 and shall enter into force on 1 September 2017 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objection to the amendments:

- .1 ***Amendments to the Annex of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (Amendments to Annex II – Appendix I – Abbreviated legend of the revised GESAMP hazard evaluation procedure) (MEPC.270(69));***
- .2 ***Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (Amendments to regulation 13 of MARPOL Annex VI – Record requirements for operational compliance with NO_x Tier III emission control areas) (MEPC.271(69));***
- .3 ***Amendments to the Technical Code on Control of emission of nitrogen oxides from marine diesel engines (Testing of gas-fuelled and dual fuel engines) (MEPC.272(69)); and***
- .4 ***Amendments to the Annex of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV – Amendments to regulations 1 and 11 concerning the Baltic Sea Special Area and to the appendix concerning the form of the International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate) (MEPC.274(69)).***

As of 6 May 2016, no objections to these amendments had been received.

2015 SOLAS AMENDMENTS***Adoption of the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) (MSC.391(95))***

28 The Maritime Safety Committee adopted on 11 June 2015, at its ninety-fifth session, the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code), by 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 29.1 below).

29 The Maritime Safety Committee adopted on 11 June 2015, at its ninety-fifth session the amendments in paragraphs 29.1 to 29.2 below. At the time of the 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, not less than one third of the Parties to SOLAS 1974 or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objection to the amendments:

- .1 **2015 amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (chapters II-1, II-2 and appendix) (MSC.392(95));** and
- .2 **2015 amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) resolution MSC.393(95)¹.**

As of 6 May 2016, 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))

30 These amendments were adopted on 11 June 2015 by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fifth session, 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 6 May 2016, 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))

31 These amendments were adopted on 11 June 2015 by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session, 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 6 May 2016, no objections to these amendments had been received.

2006 amendments to the annex to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (MSC.204(81))

32 These amendments were adopted on 18 May 2006 by the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-first session, by resolution MSC.204(81). In accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and article VI(b) of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on the date on which they have been accepted by two thirds of the Parties to the Protocol and shall enter into force six months after

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.

that date. The number of Contracting Governments to the Protocol is currently 109. The number of acceptances necessary for entry into force is, therefore, 66. As of 6 May 2016, two instruments of acceptance had been received.

STCW

33 The Maritime Safety Committee adopted, at its ninety-fifth session in June 2015, the amendments in paragraphs 33.1 and 33.2 below. At the time of the 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 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 6 May 2016, no objections to these amendments had been received.

LL 1966

***2013 Amendments to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (A.1082(28));
2013 Amendments to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (A.1083(28))***

34 These amendments were adopted on 4 December 2013 by the Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, by resolutions A.1082(28) and A.1083(28). In accordance with article 29(2)(b) of the Convention, both sets of amendments shall enter into force on 28 February 2018, after their acceptance by all Contracting Governments to the Convention by 28 February 2017. A Contracting Government which does not communicate its acceptance or rejection of the amendments to the Organization by 28 February 2017 shall be deemed to have accepted the amendments. In accordance with article 29(2)(c) of the Convention, the proposed amendments shall be deemed to be rejected if they are not accepted by 28 February 2017. As of 6 May 2016, no communication of acceptance or rejection of the amendments had been received.

1995 amendments to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (A.784(19))

35 These amendments were adopted on 23 November 1995 by the Assembly at its nineteenth session, by resolution A.784(19). The amendments will enter into force 12 months after the date on which they are accepted by two thirds of the Contracting Governments. The number of Contracting Governments to the Convention is currently 161. Thus, the number of acceptances necessary for entry into force is 107. As of 6 May 2016, seven instruments of acceptance had been received.

LC PROT 1996

2013 amendments to the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (London Protocol) (LP.4(8))

36 These amendments were adopted by the Contracting Parties to the London Protocol on 18 October 2013, by resolution LP.4(8). At the time of their adoption, the Contracting Parties determined that the amendments will enter into force 60 days after two thirds of the Contracting Parties have deposited an instrument of acceptance of the amendment. The number of Contracting Governments to the Convention is currently 47. Thus, the number of acceptances necessary for entry into force is 31. As of 6 May 2016, no instruments of acceptance had been received.

2009 amendments to the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (London Protocol) (LP.3(4))

37 These amendments were adopted by the Contracting Parties to the London Protocol on 30 October 2009, by resolution LP.3(4). At the time of their adoption, the Contracting Parties determined that the amendments will enter into force 60 days after two thirds of the Contracting Parties have deposited an instrument of acceptance of the amendment. The number of Contracting Governments to the Convention is currently 47. Thus, the number of acceptances necessary for entry into force is 31. As of 6 May 2016, three instruments of acceptance had been received.

IMSO C 1976

2008 amendments to the Convention on the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO Convention)

38 These amendments were adopted on 3 October 2008 by the IMSO Assembly, at its twentieth session, in accordance with article 18 of the Convention. The IMSO Assembly decided on a provisional application of the amendments, with effect from 6 October 2008, pending their formal entry into force. The amendments will enter into force 120 days after notices of acceptance have been received from two thirds of those States which, at the time of adoption by the Assembly, were Parties to the Convention. The number of Parties to the Convention at the time of adoption of the amendments was 92. Thus, the number of acceptances necessary for entry into force is 61. As of 6 May 2016, 13 acceptances of the amendments had been received.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

39 Pursuant to the requests and authorizations of the Council and the Assembly, the Secretary-General continued, during the biennium under review, to communicate with Governments concerned, inviting them to take early action to consider, with a view to acceptance, approval, ratification or accession, any IMO treaty instruments, or amendments thereto, they have not accepted. In this context, Governments were made aware of the Organization's willingness and readiness to provide appropriate advice or assistance in connection with the acceptance, ratification, etc. of respective treaty instruments and their implementation thereafter. The Secretary-General will maintain these efforts in order to ensure the widest possible acceptance and the most effective implementation of all instruments in respect of which IMO performs depositary and other functions.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

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

ANNEX

List of instruments received from 17 November 2015 to 6 May 2016

NOVEMBER 2015				
Morocco	BWM 2004	Accession	23-Nov-15	Not yet in force
Indonesia	BWM 2004	Accession	24-Nov-15	Not yet in force
Antigua and Barbuda	SUA 2005	Accession	24-Nov-15	22-Feb-16
Antigua and Barbuda	SUA PROT 2005	Accession	24-Nov-15	22-Feb-16
Antigua and Barbuda	LC PROT 1996	Accession	24-Nov-15	24-Dec-15
Antigua and Barbuda	FAL 1965	Accession	24-Nov-15	23-Jan-16
Ghana	BWM 2004	Accession	26-Nov-15	Not yet in force
Viet Nam	AFS 2001	Accession	27-Nov-15	27-Feb-16
Honduras	MARPOL 73/78 (Annex III)	Acceptance	30-Nov-15	29-Feb-16
Honduras	MARPOL 73/78 (Annex IV)	Acceptance	30-Nov-15	29-Feb-16
DECEMBER 2015				
Bahrain	CSC 1972	Accession	15-Dec-15	15-Dec-16
JANUARY 2016				
Netherlands	NAIROBI WRC 2007	Approval	19-Jan-16	19-Apr-16
Germany	SUA 2005	Accession	29-Jan-16	28-Apr-16
Germany	SUA PROT 2005	Accession	29-Jan-16	28-Apr-16
FEBRUARY 2016				
France	NAIROBI WRC 2007	Ratification	04-Feb-16	04-May-16
Hong Kong (China)	AFS 2001	Extension	15-Feb-16	15-Feb-16
MARCH 2016				
Bahrain	SAR 1979	Accession	02-Mar-16	01-Apr-16
Belgium	BWM 2004	Accession	07-Mar-16	Not yet in force
Belgium	HONG KONG SRC 2009	Accession	07-Mar-16	Not yet in force
Fiji	MARPOL 73/78	Accession	08-Mar-16	08-Jun-16
Fiji	MARPOL 73/78 (Annex IV)	Acceptance	08-Mar-16	08-Jun-16
Fiji	MARPOL 73/78 (Annex V)	Acceptance	08-Mar-16	08-Jun-16
Fiji	IMSO C 1976	Accession	08-Mar-16	08-Mar-16
Fiji	SALVAGE 1989	Accession	08-Mar-16	08-Mar-17
Fiji	Bunkers 2001	Accession	08-Mar-16	08-Jun-16
Fiji	AFS 2001	Accession	08-Mar-16	08-Jun-16
Fiji	BWM 2004	Accession	08-Mar-16	Not yet in force
Bahrain	OPRC 1990	Accession	09-Mar-16	09-Jun-16
Saint Kitts and Nevis	NAIROBI WRC 2007	Accession	31-Mar-16	30-Jun-16
APRIL 2016				
Myanmar	MARPOL 73/78 (Annex III)	Acceptance	5-Apr-16	5-Jul-16
Myanmar	MARPOL 73/78 (Annex IV)	Acceptance	5-Apr-16	5-Jul-16
Myanmar	MARPOL 73/78 (Annex V)	Acceptance	5-Apr-16	5-Jul-16
UK (Jersey)	FUND PROT 2003	Extension	22-Apr-16	22-Apr-16
Brunei Darussalam	MARPOL 73/78 (Annex III)	Acceptance	25-Apr-16	25-Jul-16
Brunei Darussalam	MARPOL 73/78 (Annex V)	Acceptance	25-Apr-16	25-Jul-16