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Agenda item 18

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PLACE, DATE AND DURATION OF THE NEXT TWO SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document proposes that the 117th regular session of the Council be held at IMO Headquarters from 5 to 9 December 2016 and that the precise dates for the 118th regular session be confirmed at the next Council session in December this year
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	Not applicable
<i>High-level action:</i>	Not applicable
<i>Output:</i>	Not applicable
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related documents:</i>	None

1 In accordance with the standard practice, the Secretary-General recommends that the 117th regular session of the Council be held at the Headquarters of the Organization from 5 to 9 December 2016.

2 Regarding the number of plenary sessions requiring interpretation at these two meetings of the Council, the Council may recall that the working conditions and rates of pay of freelance interpreters within the United Nations system organizations are governed by an agreement between the United Nations and the International Association of Conference Interpreters (AIIC) to which IMO is party. In line with the AIIC agreement and the IMO working practices, it is recommended that with regard to the interpretation for the 117th regular session of the Council, budgetary provisions be made for eight sessions with full interpretation in a five-day meeting.

3 The 118th regular session of the Council has been preliminary scheduled to take place at the IMO Headquarters from 17 to 21 July 2017. The precise dates and number of plenary sessions requiring interpretation to be confirmed at the 117th regular session of the Council in December this year.

Action requested of the Council

4 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and to confirm the proposed venue and dates for the 117th regular session of the Council, as well as to endorse the proposed number of plenary sessions requiring interpretation during this meeting.