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DRAFT SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

GENERAL

The 116th session of the Council was held from 4 to 8 July 2016 (with no session on Friday, 8 July) and was chaired by Mr. J. Lantz (United States).

INVITATION TO NON-MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE SESSION

[To be completed by the Secretariat after the meeting, based on document C 116/INF.1.]

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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (agenda item 1)

1.1 The Council adopted the agenda and proposed timetable, as contained in documents C 116/1/Rev.2 and C 116/1/2.

Reference documents: C 116/1/Rev.2 and C 116/1/2

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2 ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR (agenda item 2)

2.1 Mr. Zhang Xiaojie (China) was elected Vice-Chair of the Council by acclamation.

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3 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON CREDENTIALS (agenda item 3)

3.1 With reference to rule 9 of its Rules of Procedure, the Council noted the Secretary-General's report that the credentials of all Council member delegations attending the session were found to be in order.

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4 STRATEGY, PLANNING AND REFORM (agenda item 4)

4.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 116/4, C 116/4/1, C 116/4/2, C 116/4/3 (Bahamas) and C 116/4/4, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, the Chair of the Working Group on the Development of a New Strategic Framework and the delegation of the Bahamas, on strategy, planning and reform.

4.2 With regard to document C 116/4, the Council, in particular, noted the final assessment of the 2014-2015 Risk Management Exercise and the information on the Secretariat's Risk Management Exercise for the 2016-2017 biennium. The Council extended its appreciation to the Secretary-General and his staff for the work done and for the more focused and concise report.

4.3 The Council noted documents C 116/4/1 and C 116/4/4, and in relation to the report of the Working Group on the Development of a New Strategic Framework, the Council decided to utilize the outcome in annex 2 of the document for the continued work for the development of a vision statement and the strategic directions for the Organization, as agreed at its 114th session.

4.4 The Council expressed its appreciation to all members of the Working Group and its Chair for the work done.

4.5 The Council decided that the preparatory drafts of the vision statement and the strategic directions would be developed by the Secretariat and the external consultant, and that a working group would be established during C 117 to finalize the vision statement and the strategic directions for submission to C 117 with a view to approval.

4.6 The Council reiterated the importance of the ongoing work of the development of the new strategic framework and recalled its decision that the working group should continue to remain open to all Member States, as well as IGOs and NGOs in consultative status, which were invited to make submissions to C 117 in respect of the development of a vision statement and strategic directions, and also to comment on the drafts prepared by the Secretariat and the external consultant. The Council decided to reiterate these decisions to the committees.

4.7 With regard to document C 116/4/2 on the transparency and accountability of the Organization, the Council noted:

- (i) the information on the introduction of an IMO Code of Ethics and a policy on outside activities;
- (ii) the Secretary-General's intention to introduce a mandatory ethics training programme for IMO staff members;
- (iii) the issuance of a Statement on Internal Control; and
- (iv) the publication on the IMO website of a summary of internal audit activities and reports for 2015, and the financial disclosure by relevant staff members for 2015.

4.8 With regard to document C 116/4/3 on the terms of office of committee chairs and gender equality submitted by the Bahamas, the Council:

- (i) agreed to the proposal to harmonize the terms of office in the Rules of Procedure of all committees (and by extension sub-committees) and to limit the total term of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair to five years in office, that is the Chair and Vice-Chair would be eligible for re-election for up to four consecutive terms in office; and requested the relevant committees to amend their Rules of Procedure accordingly, and to give consideration to flexibility with regard to the total term of office, should special circumstances dictate; and

- (ii) agreed to the proposal to establish the use of the new gender-neutral term "Chair" in the Rules of Procedure of the committees, and requested the Council and the relevant committees to amend their Rules of Procedure accordingly.

Reference documents: C 116/4, C 116/4/1, C 116/4/2, C 116/4/3 and C 116/4/4

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5 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

(a) Human resources matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

5(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 116/5(a), C 116/5(a)/1 and C 116/5(a)/2, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on human resources matters.

5(a).2 The Council approved the amendments to staff regulation 9.5, took note of the new text of staff rules 103.3, 103.9, 105.3, 107.20 and 109.4, as set out in annex 1 to document C 116/5(a)/1, and approved the revised text of annex 4 of the staff regulations, as set out in annex 2 of the same document.

5(a).3 With regard to document C 116/5(a)/2, the Council encouraged the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to improve geographical distribution and gender equality within the Secretariat.

Reference documents: C 116/5(a), C 116/5(a)/1 and C 116/5(a)/2

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(b) Accounts and audit: accounts for the financial period 2015 and transfers within the 2016 budget

5(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 116/5(b) and C 116/5(b)/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Auditor-General of Ghana, reporting on the Organization's financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2015, and the External Auditor's opinion and report thereon.

5(b).2 The Council, in particular:

- (i) noted the Secretary-General's statement, the statement on internal control and the financial statements for the Organization's financial period ended 31 December 2015;
- (ii) welcomed the unqualified opinion of the External Auditor in annex 2 to document C 116/5(b);
- (iii) expressed its appreciation to the External Auditor for his report;
- (iv) noted the operating surplus of revenue over expenditure for 2015 of £2,690,601, as can be seen in Statement II of the financial statements in annex 1 to document C 116/5(b);
- (v) welcomed the Secretary-General's stewardship of the Organization's Funds and his report to the Council;
- (vi) noted the Secretary-General's commitment to report, as usual, on the status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations, in particular with regard to external resource mobilization to support the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme; and
- (vii) decided to forward the financial statements for the Organization's financial period ended 2015 and the External Auditor's report thereon to the thirtieth regular session of the Assembly.

Reference documents: C 116/5(b) and C 116/5(b)/1

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(c) Report on investments

5(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/5(c), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on investments, as well as the information on the impact of the so-called "Brexit vote" on the investments and finances of the Organization, and noted further that it would receive an update on this matter at its next session in December 2016.

5(c).2 The Council also noted that the Secretary-General would report on the approach to be taken with respect to long-term investments at a future session of the Council.

Reference document: C 116/5(c)

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(d) Report on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention

5(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 116/5(d) and C 116/5(d)/1 and its addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on the status of Member States' contributions, advances to the Working Capital Fund and the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

5(d).2 With regard to document C 116/5(d), the Council:

- (i) decided to recommend to the Assembly that, where a Member State submits a request for a waiver of arrears, the Assembly considers the matter only where a request for waiver has also been submitted to the United Nations General Assembly and a decision has been taken by that body on that request. The Assembly may then decide on the request for such a waiver taking into account any precedent established by the United Nations General Assembly; and
- (ii) requested the Secretary-General to inform the Assembly of this recommendation in advance of its thirtieth session in 2017.

5(d).3 With regard to document C 116/5(d)/1 and its addendum, the Council:

- (i) noted the collection rate of Member States' contributions and the continuing arrears of those Member States identified in the two documents under review;
- (ii) urged those Member States with outstanding contributions to remit them as soon as possible;

- (iii) reiterated its firm stance on the strict enforcement of Article 61 of the IMO Convention; and
- (iv) noted the net assets in the Working Capital Fund of £1,600,924 at 31 May 2016.

Reference documents: C/ES.28/4(c)Add.1, A 29/D, A 29/17(a) and its addenda, C 115/D, C 116/5(d), C 116/5(d)/1 and its addendum

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(e) Budget considerations for 2016

5(e).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/5(e), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on budget considerations for 2016.

5(e).2 In particular, the Council, noted the information and projections listed in paragraph 37 of document C 116/5(e).

5(e).3 The Council authorized the Secretary-General to make, as and when necessary, timely transfers between Strategic Results to the extent that balances are available to cover or reduce deficits in Strategic Results appropriation balances, in accordance with the Organization's Financial Regulations and Financial Rules.

Reference document: C 116/5(e)

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6 IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME (agenda item 6)

6.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 116/6 and C 116/6/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, containing an updated report on progress made in the implementation of the IMO Member State Audit Scheme since the 114th session of the Council and the tenth consolidated audit summary report.

6.2 With regard to document C 116/6, the Council:

- (i) noted the updated overall audit schedule, taking into account the completion of voluntary audits of several Member States appearing on the original overall audit schedule, as well as decisions to postpone non-viable audits involving Iraq and Yemen;
- (ii) invited those Member States that had been audited to provide authorization to the Secretariat for the release of any of the reports and corrective action plan from audits carried out since the commencement of the Scheme, so that as many audit reports as possible would be made available to all Member States or to the public;
- (iii) invited Member States to provide the Secretariat with the details of an individual designated to receive access to Member State audit reports through the GISIS module as per Circular Letter No.3587; and
- (iv) encouraged Member States to nominate those individuals who meet the criteria established in the Procedures for the Scheme as auditors under the Scheme, which includes demonstrable auditing skills and techniques, taking into account Circular Letter No.3547.

6.3 With respect to document C 116/6/1, containing the tenth consolidated audit summary report set out in the annex thereto, the Council requested the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee to consider the report attached and advise the Council, in due course, of the outcome of their consideration, in particular on the appropriateness and effectiveness of those provisions of IMO instruments cited in audit findings.

Reference documents: C 116/6 and C 116/6/1

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7 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (agenda item 7)

7.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/7, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Maritime Safety Committee, reporting on the outcome of the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-sixth session.

7.2 The Council, in particular, noted the information on decisions and progress made on relevant agenda items of the Maritime Safety Committee, as set out in paragraph 27 of document C 116/7.

7.3 The Council further noted the actions taken by the Committee on issues related to the application of the Committees' Guidelines. In particular, the Council considered the problems with accessing documents uploaded onto IMODOCS and, having noted the report of the Secretary-General on investigations made on the matter, including possible improvement measures, requested the Secretariat to report to a future session of the Council on further developments and budgetary impacts, if any.

7.4 The Council endorsed:

- (i) the new outputs agreed at the session for inclusion in the High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2016-2017 biennium; and
- (ii) the intersessional meetings approved for 2016 and 2017.

7.5 The Council approved the report of the ninety-sixth session of the Maritime Safety Committee in general and decided to transmit it, together with its comments and recommendations, to the thirtieth session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference document: C 116/7

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8 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 8)

8.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/8, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Facilitation Committee, reporting on the outcome of the Facilitation Committee at its fortieth session.

8.2 The Council, in particular, noted the actions requested of it by the Facilitation Committee, as set out in paragraph 15 of document C 116/8.

8.3 The Council approved the report of the fortieth session of the Facilitation Committee in general and decided to transmit it, together with its comments and recommendations, to the thirtieth session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference document: C 116/8

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9 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE (agenda item 9)

9.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/9 and its corrigendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Legal Committee, reporting on the outcome of the Legal Committee at its 103rd session.

9.2 The Council endorsed the Committee's decisions on outputs for the 2016-2017 biennium.

9.3 The Council approved the report of the 103rd session of the Legal Committee in general and decided to transmit it, together with its comments and recommendations, to the thirtieth session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

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10 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (agenda item 10)

10.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/10, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Marine Environment Protection Committee, reporting on the outcome of the sixty-ninth session of the Committee.

10.2 The Council, in particular, noted the information on decisions or progress made on relevant agenda items of the Committee, as set out in paragraph 28 of document C 116/10.

10.3 The Council noted the concerns expressed by several delegations at MEPC 69 on how the Committee's deliberations under the agenda item on "Reduction of GHG emissions from ships" had been reported by NGOs and the media as well as the information provided orally by the Secretary-General on the follow-up action taken by the Secretariat in this regard.

10.4 The Council expressed its appreciation for the action already taken and requested the Secretary-General to send a letter to the relevant NGO and media outlet and to issue a circular letter to all Member States, NGOs in consultative status and IGOs reinforcing the need to adhere to the Organization's terms and conditions for media attendance at meetings, and the prohibition to record and broadcast deliberations during meetings.

10.5 The Council endorsed the holding of an intersessional meeting of the Working Group on Review of the Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8), to be held during the week preceding MEPC 70 (24 to 28 October 2016); and of the ESPH Working Group, to be held in 2017.

10.6 The Council approved the report of the sixty-ninth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee in general and decided to transmit it, together with its comments and recommendations, to the thirtieth session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference document: C 116/10

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11 WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY (agenda item 11)

(a) Report of the Board of Governors

11(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/11(a), as well as that provided orally by the President of the University, on the Report of the Board of Governors of the WMU.

11(a).2 The Council, in particular:

- (i) noted the Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University for the calendar year 2015;

- (ii) urged, once more, Member States to take action so as to enable recognition, under their national legislation, of the degrees conferred by the University and, to that end, keep the Organization and the University informed of any developments;
- (iii) strongly urged Member States and shipping industry stakeholders to contact WMU to establish what they can offer, in terms of equipment and facilities, to support the transition to new academic facilities, a list of which is set out in the annex to document C 116/11(a); and
- (iv) expressed its appreciation to those donors who had contributed to the newly established WMU Endowment Fund and urged Governments and organizations to provide financial contributions to the Fund.

Reference document: C 116/11(a)

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(b) Budget

11(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/11(b), as well as that provided orally by the President of the University, reporting on the 2016 and 2017 budgets of the University.

11(b).2 The Council, in particular:

- (i) noted the University's Revised Budget for 2016 and Initial Budget for 2017 as set out in annexes 1 and 2 to document C 116/11(b);
- (ii) welcomed the efforts by the University's management to attract additional income; and
- (iii) reiterated its appreciation to those Governments and organizations that supported the University financially and through the provision of fellowships, and, in particular, to the Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö.

Reference document: C 116/11(b)

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12 PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES (agenda item 12)

12.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 116/12 and C 116/12/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the protection of vital shipping lanes.

12.2 With regard to document C 116/12, the Council:

- (i) expressed its concern for the number of attacks and boardings of ships in the Gulf of Guinea;
- (ii) thanked all those countries that had contributed to the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund, the Djibouti Code Trust Fund, and the International Maritime Security Trust Fund and also thanked those countries and organizations which had assisted in the implementation of the associated programmes;
- (iii) invited Member Governments and organizations to continue contributing to the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund and Djibouti Code Trust Fund;
- (iv) thanked OCIMF, the Government of Ghana and the Regional Maritime University in Accra for conducting and hosting the trial of the MTISC GoG, and the States that supported it financially;
- (v) welcomed the improvements to the piracy situation off the coast of Somalia and in the Indian Ocean and expressed its appreciation to Member States providing naval and other resources in the region; and
- (vi) expressed its concern for the innocent seafarers still in captivity.

12.3 With regard to document C 116/12/1, the Council:

- (i) expressed its appreciation to the littoral States of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore for the timely implementation of the various components of the Cooperative Mechanism in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore;

- (ii) further expressed its appreciation to those Member Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations which have made contributions to, and/or pledged support for, the various projects under the Cooperative Mechanism and the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Trust Fund;
- (iii) noted information related to regional maritime security cooperation between Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, as well as the information provided by the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP-ISC);
- (iv) invited further contributions to counter piracy initiatives in the region; and
- (v) invited Member Governments and organizations to continue contributing to the projects under the Mechanism and the Fund.

Reference documents: C 116/12 and C 116/12/1

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13 PERIODIC REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS IN MANDATORY IMO INSTRUMENTS (agenda item 13)

13.1 The Council recalled that at its 114th session, it had reiterated the request made at C 113 to Member States, to put forward suggestions regarding the practical principles and criteria for reviewing administrative requirements, in line with recommendation 12 included in the final report of the Ad Hoc Steering Group for Reducing Administrative Requirements (SG-RAR). As no submissions had been received at its current session, the Council decided, should no submissions be received by its next session, to reconsider the relevance of this output.

13.2 With regard to recommendation 2 on the report of the SG-RAR, relating to the development of a vision concerning the Organization's role and responsibility to host a web-based information portal, the Council noted that the Secretariat would provide an update on its work to the next session of the Council in December 2016.

Reference documents: C 113/11, C 113/INF.2, C 113/INF.3, C 113/D, C 114/D

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14 PRINCIPLES TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE REVIEW OF EXISTING REQUIREMENTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW REQUIREMENTS (agenda item 14)

14.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/14 on principles to be considered in the review of existing requirements and the development of new requirements and, noting the interventions made under this agenda item, agreed to postpone consideration of this item until its next session in December 2016.

Reference document: C 116/14

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15 EXTERNAL RELATIONS (agenda item 15)

(a) Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies

15(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/15(a), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, with respect to the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, which contain information of relevance to IMO, received since the 114th session of the Council; and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of any relevant developments in this regard.

Reference document: C 116/15(a)

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(b) Joint Inspection Unit

15(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/15(b), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on matters relating to the Joint Inspection Unit.

15(b).2 The Council, in particular, noted the following reports and the Secretary-General's comments thereon:

- (i) "Review of activities and resources devoted to address Climate Change in the United Nations system organizations" (JIU/REP/2015/5); and
- (ii) "Public Information and Communications Policies and Practices in the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/2015/4).

Reference document: C 116/15(b)

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(c) Relations with intergovernmental organizations

15(c).1 The Council noted the information provided orally by the Secretary-General on relations with intergovernmental organizations, in particular that the formal procedures for the signing of the Agreement of Cooperation between IMO and the International Seabed Authority were complete.

Reference documents: C 114/17(c), C 114/D and A 29/D

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(d) Relations with non-governmental organizations

15(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 116/15(d) and C 116/WP.2, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the group of Council Members, on relations with non-governmental organizations.

15(d).2 With regard to the group's recommendations on new applications for consultative status, as contained in document C 116/WP.2, the Council decided:

- (i) not to grant consultative status to the Society for Gas as a Marine Fuel (SGMF);
- (ii) not to grant consultative status to the International Sailing Schools Association (ISSA)¹;
- (iii) not to grant consultative status to the International Cruise Victims Association (ICV); and
- (iv) not to grant consultative status to the Methanol Institute (MI).

Reference documents: C 116/15(d) and C 116/WP.2

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¹ In respect of the acronym provided by the International Sailing Schools Association in its application questionnaire, the Council was informed that there is another organization with consultative status with IMO, the International Shipsuppliers & Services Association, with the same acronym.

(e) World Maritime Day

15(e).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/15(e) (Singapore), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegation of Singapore, on the Inaugural Maritime Administrators' Forum organized by Singapore in support of the 2016 World Maritime Day theme "Shipping: indispensable to the world". The Council expressed its appreciation to Singapore for this initiative and extended its congratulations on the success of the event.

15(e).2 The Council endorsed the Secretary-General's proposed theme for World Maritime Day 2017 — "**Connecting Ships, Ports and People**" — and authorized that action be taken for the celebration in 2017, in accordance with the established practice.

15(e).3 The Council recalled that, at its 112th session, it accepted the offer made by the Government of Turkey to host the parallel event in the current year, 2016. It is to take place in Istanbul from 4 to 6 November and the Circular Letter of invitation would be issued shortly. The Council encouraged the participation amongst the delegations and wished Turkey all the best for the preparation and execution of the event.

15(e).4 The Council further recalled the acceptance of the offers of the Governments of Panama, Poland, Colombia, South Africa and the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the World Maritime Day parallel events in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, respectively.

15(e).5 The Council, in accordance with the established process for the consideration of offers from Member States to host the World Maritime Day parallel event, as approved by the Council at its 114th session, would next consider offers to host the parallel event in 2018 for 2022.

15(e).6 The Council recalled that World Maritime Day would be observed during the week of 26 to 30 September 2016. On Thursday, 29 September, at the IMO Headquarters, there would be a forum for the promotion of the theme "Shipping: indispensable to the world", followed by the traditional diplomatic reception to celebrate the Day.

15(e).7 The Council noted that 2018 would mark the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the IMO Convention, the 60th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention and the 100th session of the Maritime Safety Committee. Therefore, in recognition of IMO's significant contribution to maritime history and heritage, the Council further noted that the Secretariat had

begun planning several events to mark these anniversaries throughout 2018 and information in this regard would be provided at future sessions of the Council.

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(f) International Maritime Prize

15(f).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/15(f), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, concerning the International Maritime Prize.

15(f).2 The Council unanimously decided to award the International Maritime Prize for 2015 to Dr. Frank Lawrence Wiswall Junior, in recognition of his invaluable contribution, extending over many years, to the work of the Organization in particular, and his long-standing support to the IMO International Maritime Law Institute as lecturer and as member of its Governing Board. The Council extended its warm congratulations to Dr. Wiswall and expressed its appreciation to the Comité Maritime International for nominating such an outstanding candidate.

15(f).3 The Council noted and endorsed the measures taken and those proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of the 2016 Prize.

Reference document: C 116/15(f)

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(g) IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea

15(g).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/15(g) and its addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary General, on the nomination of candidates for the 2016 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

15(g).2 The Council endorsed the decision of the Panel of Judges to bestow the 2016 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea on Captain Radhika Menon, Master of the M/T **Sampurna Swarajya**, nominated by the Government of India, for her display of great determination and courage in rescuing seven fishermen from the sinking boat **Durgamma**, after being adrift for six days, in fierce rain, wind speed of 60 to 70 knots and 27-foot high waves.

15(g).3 In addition, the Council endorsed the decision of the Panel of Judges that Certificates of Commendation in recognition of their acts of bravery should be awarded to the following nominees (not in any order of merit):

- Mr. Tang Shunjie, leader of the diving squad of the emergency response team, Dong Hai Rescue No.1 Flight Team, Dong Hai Rescue Bureau, nominated by China;
- Captain Hervé Lepage, Master of the container ship **CMA CGM Rossini**, nominated by France;
- Shri B.M. Das, U/Nvk, winch operator and diver of the rescue helicopter CG 822, Indian Coast Guard Air Station Daman, nominated by India; and
- Assistant Inspector Kang Seonggyu, Special Rescue Unit of the Republic of Korea Coast Guard, nominated by the Republic of Korea.

15(g).4 The Council also endorsed the decision of the Panel of Judges that Letters of Commendation in recognition of their actions should be sent to the following nominees (not in any order of merit):

- The crew of the M/V **Cosco Shanghai**, nominated by China;
- The crew of a Lynx rescue helicopter, Flotilla 34F, and the crews of three Caïman rescue helicopters, Flotilla 33F, Lanvéoc-Poulmic Naval Air Station, French Navy, nominated by France;
- The crew of the rescue helicopter Pesca II, Galicia Coast Guard Service, and the crew of the rescue helicopter Helimer 401, Spanish Maritime Safety Agency, nominated by Spain;
- Captain O Yeong-tae, Master of the patrol vessel 3005, Republic of Korea Coast Guard, nominated by the Republic of Korea; and
- Mr. Kim Jaegu and Mr. Shin Jongyoon, firefighter rescuers of the patrol vessel 1506, the Republic of Korea Coast Guard, nominated by the Republic of Korea.

15(g).5 The Council extended its congratulations to Captain Radhika Menon, the recipient of the 2016 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea and to the recipients of Certificates and Letters of Commendation. The Council also expressed its appreciation to all the remaining candidates and to the Governments and the organizations which had nominated such worthy candidates for the Award.

15(g).6 The Council, recalling Assembly resolution A.1093(29) on *Special recognition for merchant vessels and their crew involved in the rescue of mixed migrants at sea*, noted the invitation for Member States to provide information on cases deserving such commendation, as promulgated in Circular Letter No.3619.

15(g).7 The Council noted and endorsed the arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of the 2016 Awards ceremony, to be held at IMO Headquarters on 21 November 2016, including the recognition for all forces involved in the rescue of migrants at sea. The Council also noted the invitation for nominations for the 2017 Award.

Reference documents: C 116/15(g) and its addendum

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(h) Report on Day of the Seafarer 2016

15(h).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/15(h), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on the celebrations on this year's Day of the Seafarer and expressed its appreciation to all those who worked to organize celebrations of the Day of the Seafarer to make it a success.

15(h).2 The Council, in particular, noted that the 2016 Day of the Seafarer campaign, specifically targeted to highlight the role played by seafarers to support the global economy, had been a great success, with millions of people all over the world engaging with the campaign theme "At Sea For All". A full report on the social media campaign and any other celebrations of which the Secretariat may be notified would be submitted to C 117 for consideration.

Reference document: C 116/15(h)

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(i) IMO Maritime Ambassador Scheme

15(i).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/15(i), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, concerning the IMO Maritime Ambassador Scheme.

15(i).2 The Council expressed its appreciation to all those involved in this Scheme that made it a success, and encouraged Member States and organizations in consultative status who have not yet done so to consider appointing an IMO Maritime Ambassador.

Reference document: C 116/15(i)

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16 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION (agenda item 16)

16.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/16, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of the Convention and membership of the Organization.

16.2 The Council encouraged, endorsed and supported the Secretary-General in his efforts to make IMO and its work more widely known and to ensure that it maintains its deserved position in the global maritime community. The Council further encouraged him to continue to assist all Member States, in particular developing countries, to participate fully and effectively in the work of the Organization.

Reference document: C 116/16

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17 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS (agenda item 17)

17.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 116/17, C 116/17/1 (IMSO), C 116/17/2 (IMSO) and C 116/17/3 (Panama), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs functions.

17.2 The Council endorsed and supported the Secretary-General's efforts to communicate the need for Governments to complement the international legal framework of instruments

established by IMO with timely ratification, early entry into force and widespread and effective implementation.

17.3 With regard to documents C 116/17/1 and C 116/17/2, the Council encouraged Contracting States to the IMSO Convention to accept the 2008 amendments, the IMSO Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities and the Amending Agreement, as soon as possible and further requested that the Secretary-General communicate with the Director-General of IMSO in that regard.

17.4 With regard to document C 116/17/3 the Council noted in particular that:

- (i) uniformity and transparency in the process of tonnage calculations for all IMO instruments were important;
- (ii) the Secretary-General, in fulfilling his role as Depositary, would continue the practice of recalculating tonnage of all Contracting States only upon receipt of a new instrument of ratification or accession to a treaty;
- (iii) the Secretariat will strive to use the most current, accurate data available in conducting the recalculation;
- (iv) the Contracting States of a treaty, or the cognizant committees, may wish to address this matter further in the future; and
- (v) in this regard, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the next session of the Council a document elucidating the process thus far followed by the Secretariat for the calculation of tonnage upon acceptance of IMO instruments of ratification or accession, to enable the Council to make an informed decision.

Reference documents: C 116/17, C 116/17/1, C 116/17/2 and C 116/17/3

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18 PLACE, DATE AND DURATION OF THE NEXT TWO SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL (C 117 AND C 118) (agenda item 18)

18.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 116/18, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, relating to the place, date and duration of the next two sessions of the Council.

18.2 The Council agreed that its 117th regular session be held at the IMO Headquarters from 5 to 9 December 2016 and that budgetary provisions be made for eight plenary sessions with full interpretation in a five-day meeting.

18.3 The Council noted the preliminary dates for the 118th regular session of the Council (17 to 21 July 2017) and further noted that at its next session the dates and necessary number of plenary sessions requiring interpretation would be confirmed.

Reference document: C 116/18

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19 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS (agenda item 19)

19.1 Sweden informed the Council of a UN initiative launched by Sweden and Fiji in relation to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 – *Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resource for sustainable development*. The initiative, co-sponsored by a further 95 Member States, was adopted by a United Nations General Assembly resolution in December 2015. The resolution agreed to organize a United Nations Conference in support of the implementation of SDG 14 with the aim of accelerating the implementation process. The Conference will take place in Fiji in connection with the celebrations of the World Oceans Day (5-9 June 2017) jointly hosted by Fiji and Sweden.

19.2 The Council noted the statement made by Guatemala that, in the future, elections of Council Members in Categories A and B should no longer be held by acclamation (even if there were only 10 candidates in each category), as had been done in the past. Guatemala indicated that they would call for full elections, by secret ballot, at the thirtieth session of the Assembly, to ensure that each Member State elected under the IMO Convention, Article 17, criteria (a) and (b) would have the required majority of votes for election and to scrutinize the level of support each candidate receives. To this end, Guatemala would submit an appropriate document to the next session of the Assembly, as well as other appropriate means of communication to ensure that the entire Membership of the Organization is informed of Guatemala's proposal.

Reference document: none

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