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## EXTERNAL RELATIONS

### (e) Report on World Maritime Day 2016

#### Submitted by the Argentine Republic

#### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* This document provides information about the activities that took place as part of World Maritime Day in the Argentine Republic, organized by the Argentine Coast Guard, in its capacity as Maritime Authority, and by the Argentine Navy

*Strategic direction:* 11.1

*High-level action:* 11.1.1

*Output:* No related provisions

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 17

*Related documents:* A 29/19(e) and Circular Letters No.3616 and No.3670

#### Background

1 Through its Circular Letter No.3616 of 22 March 2016, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) circulated to Member States the schedule of activities for the current year, indicating that World Maritime Day would be celebrated during the week of 26 to 30 September.

2 The document stated that the theme of Day would be "Shipping: indispensable to the world" and that an international forum featuring prominent speakers would take place on 29 September and would be streamed on the IMO website.

3 In addition, through Circular Letter No.3670 of 5 August 2016, an information document on the Day's theme was circulated and Member States were requested to make use of the document when organizing celebrations and activities in their own jurisdictions during the week indicated; additionally, a video containing the Secretary-General's message on the occasion of World Maritime Day 2016 would be made available on the IMO website.

## **Development**

4 In that respect, various activities celebrating World Maritime Day were organized, with the participation of authorities and prominent figures from the maritime and port sector as well as members of the general public.

### **Event at the National Nautical School**

5 The main activity took place at the National Nautical School. It was organized by the Argentine Navy and attended by national authorities and prominent figures from the shipping industry who have their headquarters in the City of Buenos Aires.

6 The event was held at the facilities of the Manuel Belgrano National Nautical School and attended by representatives of the Argentine Navy, the Argentine Coast Guard, the Undersecretariat of Ports and Waterways and the trade unions, inter alia.

### **Event in Rosario, Santa Fe Province**

7 During the course of the week indicated, an academic event celebrating World Maritime Day was held in Rosario, Santa Fe Province, attended by authorities and personnel from the shipping and port sector.

8 The event enjoyed the support of the Rosario Port Administrative Body (ENAPRO) and consisted of two presentations by officials from the Argentine Coast Guard. The first presentation was made by the Vice-Chairman of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) on the topic of "*Safe loading and unloading of bulk carriers and containerships*".

9 The second presentation, on the topic of "The integration of women in the maritime sector", provided a summary of the activities carried out by the various international forums specializing in the inclusion of women in the sector.

10 The event was attended by representatives of the Cámara de Arena, Piedra y Navegación Fluvial del Litoral shipowners' association, the Rosario Ship Watchkeepers' Trade Union, the Rosario Maritime Centre, and the Argentine United Port Workers' Trade Union (SUPA), inter alia, who concluded, once the talks had ended, that it was important to continue organizing joint activities to promote the importance of the maritime sector.

### **Event in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego Province**

11 On the date indicated, an event to celebrate World Maritime Day was held in Ushuaia at the facilities of the Ushuaia e Islas del Atlántico Sur Prefecture. The event was attended by members of the various entities comprising the maritime and port sector in this southern region of the country, who were invited to give talks on that sector.

12 Accordingly, members of the Argentine Naval League, the Centre for Inland Waterways Skippers and Officers, Fisheries and Coastal Shipping, as well as students on the Fisheries Engineering course at the National University of Technology participated in the event. Municipal, provincial and national authorities also participated.

13 During the event a talk was given on the importance of shipping and on the current situation facing the shipping industry at both regional and national levels. In addition, emphasis was placed on the need to continue working jointly to encourage compliance with the standards for maritime safety and marine environment protection promoted by the Organization.

14 The event provided the ideal opportunity to draft a road map containing a series of activities for the remainder of the current year and for the beginning of next year.

#### **Subtitling of the IMO Secretary-General's video**

15 Staff of the Secretariat for International Affairs of the Argentine Coast Guard provided Spanish translation and subtitles for the video relating to World Maritime Day in which the IMO Secretary-General sends a message to all the Member States; the video was made available on the Organization's website in English only.

16 The subtitled video was screened at the aforementioned activities and will be disseminated more widely at the regional level in a presentation to be given at the 18th Regular Meeting of the Operative Network for Regional Cooperation among Maritime Authorities of the Americas (ROCRAM), which will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Federative Republic of Brazil, between 30 November and 2 December 2016.

#### **Action requested of the Council**

17 Members of the Council are invited to:

- .1 note the information provided in this document;
- .2 note the importance at the national level of the celebrations for World Maritime Day and strengthen the commitment to continue organizing activities in the coming years; and
- .3 note the following link to the video mentioned in paragraphs 15 and 16, with a view to screening and distribution:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rkwi0okgcoygp94/AADbSE6mOaTYBuY6fpMQKzeMa?dl=0>

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