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(b) 2016 IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXERCISE

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on the 2016 Impact Assessment Exercise and the related discussions during TC 66

Strategic direction: 3.5

High-level action: 3.5.1

Output: 3.5.4.1

Action to be taken: Paragraph 9

Related documents: TC 66/10, TC 66/INF.13 and TC 66/WP.1, section 10

1 Rule 16 of the Revised Rules of Operation of the Technical Cooperation Fund¹ stipulates that every four years, in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC), the Secretariat must submit to the TCC and the Council a report providing an assessment of the impact on the beneficiaries of the assistance delivered through the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) and the TC Fund resources.

2 The External Auditor recommended in the management letter, following the external audit for the 2014 financial period, that, as the Technical Cooperation Division (TCD) was responsible for the planning and execution of the ITCP and its activities, the impact assessment exercises (IAE) should be managed independently by the Internal Oversight and Ethics Office (IOEO) in the Office of the Secretary-General, which was functionally responsible for the performance of the evaluation function in the Organization. Following the External Auditor's recommendation, TC 65 was accordingly informed and the IAE covering ITCP activities for the period 2012-2015 was managed by IOEO.

¹ Refer to TC.1/Circ.67.

3 TC 65 considered document TC 65/11, which was prepared by IOEO, providing the salient information and setting out in its annex the proposed terms of reference for the 2016 IAE, which included the scope, criteria and methodology, and, pursuant to the provisions of the above-mentioned Rule 16, adopted the Terms of Reference for the IAE covering the ITCP for the period 2012-2015, set out in the annex to document TC 65/11.

4 TC 66 had been tentatively scheduled to take place from 20 to 22 June 2016 and the deadline for submission of documents for consideration by TC 66 did not allow the consultants who were engaged for preparing the related IAE report the time they needed for the completion of the work. As a result, TC 66 was rescheduled initially to be held from 4 to 6 October 2016 and subsequently, due to conflicts with other events which were not previously known, rescheduled to be held from 11 to 13 October 2016.

5 The report of the consultants was submitted by IOEO to TC 66 under the cover of document TC 66/10 and the presentation which the consultants made when introducing their report to TC 66 is available as document TC 66/INF.13.

6 When considering the reports of the previous IAEs, the discussions in TCC were focused on the comments of the Secretariat in relation to the recommendations set out in the related report and the discussions on the contents of IAE report were very limited. To avoid this recurrence, TCD refrained from submitting any comments on the report of the 2016 IAE.

7 The Lead consultant, in introducing the report, highlighted the overall conclusion that the ITCP activities delivered between 2012 and 2015 had been effective, relevant and generally sustainable and drew attention to recommendations and suggestions on how to further improve the development and delivery of IMO's technical cooperation activities. In addition, she responded to all questions and comments the delegations put forward.

8 At the end of the discussions which are summarized in paragraphs 10.3 to 10.14 of document TC 66/WP.1, TC 66 requested the Secretariat to assess the recommendations made by the consultants, and:

- .1 to identify and implement appropriate responses for the recommendations for which decisions of the TCC are not required, taking into account comments made at TC 66, and to report accordingly to TC 67; and
- .2 to submit, with respect to the rest of the recommendations, its comments and proposals for consideration by TC 67.

Action requested of the Council

9 The Council is invited to note the information provided in this document and to comment as it deems necessary.