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Arabic Language Interpretation services

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document addresses the non-provision of interpretation services for the Arabic language during sub-committee meetings

Strategic direction, if applicable: 1

Output: Not applicable

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related documents: None

Introduction

1 There are six official languages of the United Nations. These are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Discussion

2 It has been observed that Arabic interpretation services are only provided during the Assembly, Council and main committee meetings.

3 During all sub-committee meetings, the following official languages are used for interpretation services: Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

4 Arabic language interpretation services are not provided during all sub-committee meetings.

5 The correct interpretation and translation of these six languages, in both spoken and written form, is very important to the work of this Organization, because this enables clear and concise communication on issues of global maritime importance.

Action requested of the Council

6 The Council is requested to take appropriate action to include Arabic language interpretation services during all sub-committee meetings in addition to the Assembly, Council and main committee meetings.
