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GENERAL

The 120th session of the Council was held from 2 to 5 July 2018 (with no session on Friday, 6 July 2018) and was chaired by Mr. Xiaojie Zhang (China).

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

The session was attended by non-members and observers as listed in document C 120/INF.1.

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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (agenda item 1)

1.1 The Council adopted the agenda and its provisional timetable, contained in documents C 120/1 and C 120/1/1, as amended by the Chair.

Reference documents: C 120/1 and C 120/1/1

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

2.1 Mr. Edmundo Deville del Campo (Peru) was elected as the Vice-Chair of the Council, by acclamation.

Reference documents: C 120/2 and C 120/2/1

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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.

Reference document: C 120/3

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4 STRATEGY, PLANNING AND REFORM (agenda item 4)

4.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/4, C 120/4/1, C 120/4/2, C 120/4/3, C 120/4/4, C 120/4/5 (Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Canada, Georgia, Guatemala, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, Liberia, Spain, Ukraine and United Arab Emirates), C 120/4/6 (Guatemala), C 120/4/7 (Denmark and Spain), C 120/4/8 (Liberia) and C 120/5/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, and the delegations of Australia, Guatemala and Denmark, on strategy, planning and reform.

4.2 With regard to document C 120/4, the Council, in particular, noted the final assessment of the 2016-2017 Risk Management Exercise and the information on the Secretariat's Risk Management Exercise for the current biennium.

4.3 In relation to document C 120/4/1, the Council agreed on the draft reporting timeline for the 2018-2019 biennium; and also agreed that the reporting timeline for the cycle could be further discussed, together with the first report by the Secretariat, at C 121, and adjusted as necessary.

4.4 With regard to document C 120/4/7, the Council agreed, in principle, that a performance indicator on safety should be included in the Organization's Strategic Plan 2018-2023, during the review later in the current biennium; requested the Secretariat to provide the Council, at its next session, with exemplary analysis of any relevant data collection and assessment of performance indicators on safety, environmental protection and security, and, in this regard, also requested Member States to submit detailed proposals at that session.

4.5 With regard to document C 120/4/2, the Council expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for the work carried out on the alignment of the SDGs with the strategic directions and outputs, and invited Member States to submit further proposals on how the alignment could be further enhanced, for consideration at C 121.

4.6 The Council agreed to establish a working group at C 121 to meet in parallel with the plenary session, to consider:

- (i) the first report of the performance indicators;
- (ii) the exemplary analysis of any relevant data collection and assessment of performance indicators on safety, environmental protection and security; and
- (iii) the outcome of C 120 in relation to the draft alignment of the strategic directions and outputs to the SDGs.

4.7 With regard to document C 120/4/4, on the update on the Functional Review, the Council:

- (i) welcomed the Secretary-General's leadership on the project; and
- (ii) noted the progress made to date on the project; and looked forward to further updates as they became available.

4.8 With regard to documents C 120/4/5, C 120/4/6 and C 120/4/8, the Council agreed, in principle, that it was timely to consider reforms to the Council to better position the Organization to achieve its objectives and, to this end:

- (i) agreed on the establishment of an open-ended working group, to meet at C 121, to consider in more detail the various Council reform proposals contained in the documents;
- (ii) invited Member States to submit, at C 121, further proposals under the broader heading "Council reforms";
- (iii) requested the Chair and Vice-Chair, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to prepare draft terms of reference to be agreed by the Council prior to the convening of the working group;
- (iv) requested the Secretariat to provide any relevant information on the composition and functions of the councils or equivalent governing bodies of other United Nations system organizations, in particular those of other specialized agencies, as appropriate, for consideration at C 121; and
- (v) requested the Secretariat to provide information on any technical, administrative and financial implications of the Council reform proposals for consideration at C 121.

4.9 With regard to document C 120/4/3, the Council:

- (i) authorized the release of the audio files of the plenary meetings only of the Assembly to the public;
- (ii) removed any restriction explicit or implied on sponsors of documents, so that those who wished to release their documents to the public via IMODOCS prior to a meeting could do so;
- (iii) authorized the release of Secretariat documents pre-meeting for committee meetings, with the ability for committees to designate specific Secretariat documents as private and non-releasable in advance;
- (iv) authorized the release of Council documents on IMODOCS to the public after a period of three years;
- (v) authorized the Secretariat to report on the outcome of meetings prior to the meeting's conclusion, if necessary and appropriate, and only after the discussion of the relevant agenda item had been concluded; and
- (vi) agreed to NGOs and IGOs being given access to the Treaties section of IMODOCS.

4.10 With regard to document C 120/5/1, the Council decided to discuss this matter further at C 121.

Reference documents: C 120/4, C 120/4/1, C 120/4/2, C 120/4/3, C 120/4/4, C 120/4/5, C 120/4/6, C 120/4/7, C 120/4/8 and C 120/5/1

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5 RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ASSEMBLY (agenda item 5)

5.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/5 and C 120/5/2, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

5.2 With regard to document C 120/5, on the submission of credentials under rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Council recommended to the Assembly to continue the current IMO practice regarding credentials, without amending rule 9 of its Rules of Procedure, as follows:

- (i) copies of credentials submitted by delegations should be accepted subject to the originals being furnished as soon as possible;
- (ii) all delegations (including those whose credentials have either not been received or not been examined or examined but not been found to be in order, as well as delegations to whose admission objections have been raised) should be seated provisionally with the same rights of participation, excluding voting; and
- (iii) delegations which are seated provisionally shall only vote if they subsequently, before the voting takes place, submit credentials, which are signed by an authorized person, in original form, or copies of credentials subject to the subsequent submission of originals.

5.3 The Council further recommended to the Assembly to amend rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly to read as follows:

Rule 10

A credentials committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session of the Assembly. It shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the President. The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of delegations and report without delay. In examining the credentials, the Credentials Committee may recommend provisional acceptance of copies of credentials, or acceptance of those transmitted late, and shall report the same to the Assembly.

5.4 The Council requested that, in line with technological advances, the Secretary-General examine the possibility of accepting electronically transmitted credentials, while maintaining their integrity and formal requirements, and submit a report at C 121.

5.5 With regard to document C 120/5/2, proposing amendments to rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Council decided to defer the matter to C 121. In this regard, the Council requested the Secretariat to provide additional information for consideration and also requested that Council Members provide further views and proposals.

Reference documents: C 120/5 and C 120/5/2

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6 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (agenda item 6)

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

6(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/6(a), C 120/6(a)/1 and C 120/6(a)/2, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on human resources matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.

Reference documents: C 120/6(a), C 120/6(a)/1 and C 120/6(a)/2

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(b) Financial report and audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2017

6(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 120/6(b), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Auditor-General of Ghana, reporting on the Organization's financial report and audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2017, and the External Auditor's opinion and report thereon.

6(b).2 With regard to document C 120/6(b), the Council:

- (i) noted the Organization's financial report, the statement on internal control and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2017;
- (ii) welcomed the unqualified opinion of the External Auditor;

- (iii) expressed its appreciation to the External Auditor for his report; and
- (iv) welcomed the Secretary-General's stewardship of the Organization's Funds and his report to the Council.

6(b).3 The Council decided to forward the Organization's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 2017 and the External Auditor's report and opinion thereon to the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly.

Reference document: C 120/6(b)

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(c) Report on investments for 2017

6(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 120/6(c), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on investments in 2017.

Reference document: C 120/6(c)

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(d) Report on the status of Member States' contributions and implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention, and advances to the Working Capital Fund

6(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 120/6(d), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on the status of Member States' contributions to the General Fund and Working Capital Fund as at 31 May 2018, as well as on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention relating to the right to vote.

6(d).2 The Council, in particular:

- (i) noted the additional update provided by the Secretary-General in respect of the Commonwealth of Dominica meeting its obligations in full, and the Union of the Comoros and the Federal Republic of Somalia making partial payments of their arrears consistent with the terms of the waiver granted by the last Assembly;
- (ii) urged all Member States to fulfil their financial obligations; and
- (iii) reiterated its firm stance on the strict enforcement of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

Reference document: C 120/6(d)

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(e) Budget considerations for 2018

6(e).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 120/6(e), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on budget considerations for 2018.

6(e).2 The Council, in particular, noted:

- (i) the review of the key budget assumptions and risks;
- (ii) the forecast level of the regular budget expenditure for 2018, expected to be kept within the approved appropriation;
- (iii) the income, expenditure and forecast in the Trading Fund and the consequential in-year surplus distribution;
- (iv) the expenditure status of the Headquarters Capital Fund, the Training and Development Fund and the Technical Cooperation Fund; and
- (v) the expenditure status of the Termination Benefit Fund.

6(e).3 The Council approved the proposed revised budget for the Termination Benefit Fund, to be funded from the resources available in the regular budget.

6(e).4 The Council further noted:

- (i) the funding and delivery of the Organization's extra-budgetary programmes;
- (ii) that a total of £1.52 million across all of the Organization's funds had been contractually committed in 2017 for goods and services which had not been delivered by the end of that year, and that this expenditure would be recognized on delivery during the course of 2018 in accordance with IPSAS, with committed funds from the 2017 budget remaining available to meet that expenditure in accordance with Financial Regulations 4.3 and 4.4; and
- (iii) the summary and the Secretary-General's conclusion that, as a whole, expenditure for 2018 could be contained within the budgets approved for all funds, and his intention to present an updated review of budgetary prospects at C 121.

6(e).5 The Council authorized the Secretary-General to make, as and when necessary, timely transfers between strategic directions (including "Other work") to the extent that balances were available to cover or reduce deficits in strategic directions (including "Other work") appropriation balances, in accordance with the Organization's Financial Regulations and Financial Rules.

Reference document: C 120/6(e)

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(f) Resource management – review of funds and ASHI liability funding strategy

6(f).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/6(f) and C 120/6(f)/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the Organization's After Service Health Insurance (ASHI) liabilities, and the work of the Secretariat on its fund management and fund structure, respectively.

6(f).2 With regard to document C 120/6(f), the Council expressed its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his proactive approach in addressing the issue of ASHI and, in particular:

- (i) recognized the significance of the ASHI liability issue affecting IMO and the urgent need for a long-term sustainable funding solution taking into account the need to minimize the burden on Member States to the extent possible;
- (ii) encouraged the Secretariat to continue as a participant in the United Nations ASHI Working Group, which is reviewing all aspects of costs and the liability with a view to minimize both in the longer term; and
- (iii) requested that the Secretary-General submit, at C 121, the impact of the options provided, as well as any additional options that could be available to address both funding for the current costs and the ASHI liability, taking into account the comments made by Member States during C 120.

6(f).3 With regard to document C 120/6(f)1, the Council, in particular, appreciated the Secretary-General's work on the Organization's fund structure, welcomed the content of the document and noted that the Secretary-General would report to the Council on progress in this area in due course.

Reference documents: C 120/6(f) and C 120/6(f)/1

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7 IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME (agenda item 7)

7.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 120/7, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

7.2 The Council, in particular:

- (i) endorsed the inclusion of Armenia in the current audit cycle and the revised overall audit schedule set out in the annex to the document, including the decision to postpone the audits of San Marino, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda and Zimbabwe, for the reasons provided in paragraphs 4, 5, 8 and 9 of the document;
- (ii) invited those Member States scheduled to be audited after 2019 and which would be prepared to have their audits brought forward to 2019, to inform the Secretary-General accordingly, before November 2018;
- (iii) encouraged Member States to provide the Secretariat with details of the individuals authorized to access Member State audit reports through the GISIS module, as per Circular Letter No.3587;
- (iv) invited those audited Member States whose target deadlines for the implementation of the corrective action plan had been reached, to provide the Secretariat with their comments on the progress of the implementation of their corrective action plans; and
- (v) encouraged auditors to update their profiles in the E-roster, and also encouraged individuals nominated for inclusion in the roster of auditors, as well as Member States nominating such individuals, to use the procedures set out in Circular Letter No.3547.

Reference document: C 120/7

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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 documents C 120/8 and C 120/8/1, as well as that provided orally by the Chair of the Facilitation Committee and the Secretary-General, on the outcome of the forty-second session of the Facilitation Committee (FAL) and on an update on the collaborative web-based workspace (IMOSpace), respectively.

8.2 With regard to document C 120/8, the Council endorsed:

- (i) the three new outputs agreed at the session for inclusion in the Committee's 2018-2019 biennial agenda;
- (ii) the decision of the Committee to amend the description of two outputs;
- (iii) the decision of the Committee to establish, starting from 2019, five-day meetings, with eight associated interpretation sessions; and
- (iv) the decision of the Committee to hold one meeting during 2020 and one meeting during 2021.

8.3 The Council approved the report of the forty-second session of the Committee in general and transmitted it, with its comments and recommendations, to the Assembly at its thirty-first session, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

8.4 With regard to document C 120/8/1, the Council noted that IMOSpace had been fully evaluated and was now available and ready for use, and encouraged the committees and sub-committees to use it for the work of any groups they might establish.

Reference documents: C 120/8 and C 120/8/1

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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 120/9, as well as that provided orally by the Chair of the Legal Committee and the Secretary-General, reporting on the outcome of the 105th session of the Committee.

9.2 The Council, in particular:

- (i) endorsed the Committee's decision on the status of outputs, including two new outputs, for the current biennium (2018-2019);
- (ii) endorsed the planned agenda for the 106th session of the Committee; and
- (iii) authorized one additional session of interpretation for LEG 106, that is, a three-day meeting with six full sessions of interpretation, in view of the decision of the Committee to include two new outputs on its biennial agenda and the related workload.

9.3 The Council approved the report of the 105th session of the Committee in general and transmitted it, with its comments and recommendations, to the Assembly at its thirty-first session, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference document: C 120/9

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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 120/10, as well as that provided orally by the Chair of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Secretary-General, reporting on the outcome of the seventy-second session of the Committee.

10.2 The Council endorsed the holding of two intersessional meetings: of the ESPH Working Group, in 2019; and of the fourth meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG emissions from ships, from 15 October to 19 October 2018.

10.3 The Council approved the report of the seventy-second session of the Committee in general and transmitted it, with its comments and recommendations, to the Assembly at its thirty-first session, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference document: C 120/10

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11 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (agenda item 11)

11.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 120/11, as well as that provided orally by the Chair of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General, reporting on the outcome of the ninety-ninth session of the Committee.

11.2 The Council endorsed:

- (i) the decision of the Committee to extend the NCSR Sub-Committee's meeting time for each session to eight days, for a trial period of two sessions starting from NCSR 6 in 2019;
- (ii) the decision of the Committee to include two new outputs in its 2018-2019 biennial agenda; and
- (iii) the intersessional meetings approved by the Committee for 2018 and 2019.

11.3 The Council approved the report of the ninety-ninth session of the Committee in general and transmitted it, with its comments and recommendations, to the Assembly at its thirty-first session, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference document: C 120/11

Audio file: Wednesday, 4 July 2018: p.m.

12 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 12)

12.1 The Council decided to defer consideration of this matter to C 121.

Reference documents: C 120/12 and C 120/12/Add.1

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13 TECHNICAL COOPERATION FUND: REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE 2017 PROGRAMME (agenda item 13)

13.1 The Council decided to defer consideration of this matter to C 121.

Reference document: C 120/13

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14 WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY (agenda item 14)

14.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/14, C 120/14/1 and C 120/14/2, as well as that provided orally by the President of the World Maritime University and the Secretary-General, on various matters pertaining to the University.

14.2 With regard to document C 120/14, the Council:

- (i) noted the Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University for the calendar year 2017;
- (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 informed of developments;
- (iii) strongly urged Member States and shipping industry stakeholders to contact the World Maritime University to establish what they could offer, in terms of equipment and facilities, to support the new academic facilities; and
- (iv) expressed its appreciation to those donors who had contributed to the World Maritime University Endowment Fund and urged Governments and organizations to provide financial contributions to the Fund.

14.3 With regard to document C 120/14/1, the Council:

- (i) noted the University's Revised Budget for 2018 and Initial Budget for 2019;
- (ii) welcomed the efforts by the University's management to attract additional revenue; and
- (iii) reiterated its appreciation to those Governments and organizations that had supported the University financially and through the provision of fellowships, and, in particular, to the Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö.

14.4 With regard to document C 120/14/2, the Council:

- (i) authorized IMO to administer the participation of the World Maritime University staff members in the UNJSPF within the framework of IMO's membership agreement with the same; and
- (ii) approved the related agreement for signature by the Secretary-General.

Reference documents: C 120/14, C 120/14/1 and C 120/14/2

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15 IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE (agenda item 15)

15.1 The Council decided to defer consideration of this matter to C 121.

Reference document: No document submitted

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16 PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES (agenda item 16)

16.1 The Council decided to defer consideration of this matter to C 121.

Reference document: C 120/16

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17 EXTERNAL RELATIONS (agenda Item 17)

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

17(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/17(a), C 120/17(a)/1, C 120/17(a)/2 and C 120/17(a)/3, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

17(a).2 With regard to document C 120/17(a), the Council:

- (i) noted the information provided by the Secretary-General with respect to the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, which contained information of relevance to IMO, received since the 118th session of the Council; and
- (ii) requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of any relevant developments on the issues addressed.

17(a).3 With regard to document C 120/17(a)/1, the Council expressed its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the document and requested updates, as appropriate, on the ongoing work, discussions held and decisions taken at the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) that were of relevance to IMO.

17(a).4 With regard to document C 120/17(a)/2, the Council:

- (i) noted the general information on the recent Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports, and the associated recommendations excerpted as shown in the annex to the document;
- (ii) decided, for its future sessions, that JIU matters be considered under the agenda item on "Strategy, planning and reform";
- (iii) accepted the recommendations addressed to the Council and endorsed the accordant action plans the Secretary-General had provided in that regard; and

- (iv) noted the Secretary-General's comments and action plans regarding the recommendations addressed to him.

17(a).5 With regard to document C 120/17(a)/3, the Council noted the information provided by the Secretary-General with respect to the view of the United Nations regarding the contents of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation and Directive (GDPR), and implications of both regulations on IMO, and of the information provided regarding IMO's privacy policy. The Council further requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of any relevant developments.

Reference documents: C 120/17(a), C 120/17(a)/1, C 120/17(a)/2 and C 120/17(a)/3

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(b) Relations with intergovernmental organizations

17(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/17(b) and C 120/17(b)/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on relations with intergovernmental organizations.

17(b).2 With regard to document C 120/17(b), the Council decided to:

- (i) seek observer status with the Arctic Council and authorized the Secretary-General to take appropriate action for IMO to obtain such status with the Arctic Council, and seek the endorsement by the IMO Assembly, at its thirty-first session in November 2019; and
- (ii) consider the matter further through updates by the Secretary-General at its 121st and 122nd sessions.

17(b).3 With regard to document C 120/17(b)/1, the Council welcomed the Secretary-General's update on IMSO's relocation to IMO's Headquarters building and thanked him for providing this information.

Reference documents: C 120/17(b) and C 120/17(b)/1

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(c) Relations with non-governmental organizations

17(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/17(c), C 120/17(c)/1 and C 120/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.

17(c).2 With regard to documents C 120/17(c) and C 120/WP.2, the Council decided to grant consultative status to the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA International). The Council also decided, within the classification of organizations in consultative status by interests/activity, to place WISTA International under Professional and Representative Bodies.¹

¹ Current categories are: Cargo and Ports, Environment, Insurance, Legal, Navigation, Professional and Representative Bodies, Rescue, Security, Shipbuilding, Shipowners/Ship operators, Standards, Trade and Training/Education/Welfare. A list of organizations grouped according to interests/activities was approved by C 108 (see C 108/15(d)/1 and C 108/D) with a request for the Secretariat to keep it updated.

17(c).3 The Council noted that the application submitted by the Marine Technology Society (MTS) had been withdrawn.

17(c).4 The Council also decided to refer the application submitted by the Conservation International Foundation (CI) for further screening by MEPC.

17(c).5 The Council decided to grant consultative status to the Society for Gas as a Marine Fuel Ltd. (SGMF). The Council also decided, within the classification of organizations in consultative status by interests/activity, to place SGMF under Standards.

17(c).6 The Council further decided not to grant consultative status to the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). The Council noted that EDF could provide further information, should it decide to re-apply for consultative status in the future.

17(c).7 The Council also decided not to grant consultative status to the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).

17(c).8 The Council decided not to grant consultative status to the International Association of Technical Survey and Classification Institutions (TSCI).

17(c).9 With regard to document C 120/17(c)/1, the Council noted the information on the exchange of correspondence between the Secretariat and the Executive Directors of Greenpeace International, pursuant to the request of the Assembly, at its thirtieth session, for the Secretariat to write to Greenpeace International to remind it of its obligations regarding the safety of navigation and maritime security when conducting protest activities; and further noted the comments made by the delegation of the Bahamas.

Reference documents: C 120/17(c), C 120/17(c)/1 and C 120/WP.2

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(d) World Maritime Day and the celebration of IMO's 70th anniversary

17.d(1) The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/17(d), C 120/17(d)/1 and C 120/17(d)/2 (Singapore), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on World Maritime Day.

17.d(2) With regard to document C 120/17(d), the Council, in particular, expressed its appreciation to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to Mr. António Guterres for visiting IMO on its 70th anniversary; the moderator and panellists of the High-level Forum; the Member Governments and international organizations which sent representatives to the activities so far organized in the context of the anniversary; and the media for covering it.

17.d(3) With regard to document C 120/17(d)/1, the Council noted, with appreciation, that the 14th World Maritime Day Parallel Event had been successfully organized by the Government of the Republic of Poland from 13 to 15 June 2018. The Council expressed its appreciation to the Government of Poland for hosting a successful event, the Member Governments and international organizations which sent representatives to attend it and the media for covering it.

17.d(4) The Council recalled the acceptance of the offers of the Governments of Colombia, South Africa and the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the World Maritime Day parallel events in 2019, 2020 and 2021, respectively; accepted the generous offer made by the Government of the Russian Federation to host the Parallel Event in 2022; and expressed its appreciation to all those Governments.

17.d(5) The Council noted that offers to host the 2023 Parallel Event would only be accepted from 2 January 2019 at 00:01, London time.

17.d(6) The Council endorsed the theme proposed by the Secretary-General for World Maritime Day 2019 namely – "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community" – and authorized that action be taken for its celebration, in accordance with the established practice.

17.d(7) The Council noted that the 2018 World Maritime Day would be celebrated at IMO Headquarters on Thursday, 27 September 2018.

17.d(8) With regard to document C 120/17(d)/2, the Council noted with appreciation the information provided on the second Maritime Administrators' Forum organized by Singapore in support of IMO's World Maritime Day 2018 theme of "IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future".

Reference documents: C 120/17(d), C 120/17(d)/1 and C 120/17(d)/2

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(e) International Maritime Prize

17(e).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 120/17(e), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on the International Maritime Prize.

17(e).2 The Council, as a result of a secret ballot conducted in accordance with rule 35 of its Rules of Procedure, determined the recipient of the International Maritime Prize for 2017 to be Mrs. Birgit Sølling Olsen of Denmark, nominated by the Government of Denmark, the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Group of Protection and Indemnity Associations (P & I Clubs) for her valuable and lifelong commitment to the work and objectives of the Organization, in particular her invaluable contribution to maritime safety, security as well as seafarers' working conditions.

17(e).3 The Council further expressed its appreciation to the other two candidates for the 2017 International Maritime Prize, namely, Mr. Richard Schiferli, nominated by the Government of Ireland, and the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd. (ITOPF), nominated by the Government of New Zealand, the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF), the International Salvage Union (ISU) and IPIECA Limited (IPIECA), for their impressive credentials, and to all nominating authorities for proposing such outstanding candidates for the Prize.

17(e).4 The Council noted and endorsed the measures taken and those proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of the 2018 Prize, as well as those for the recognition of candidates not selected to receive the 2017 Prize.

Reference document: C 120/17(e)

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(f) IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea

17.f(1) The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/17(f) and C 120/17(f)/Add.1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

17.f(2) The Council endorsed the decision of the Panel of Judges to bestow the 2018 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea to Mr. Zhong Haifeng, Senior Diver of the Engineering Team of Guangzhou Salvage, nominated by China, for his tremendous leadership and decisiveness during an underwater search and rescue operation of 12 missing crew members.

17.f(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):

- the Master and crew of the bitumen tanker **Seapower**; the Master and crew of the petroleum/chemical tanker MTM **Tortola**; and the pilot and crew of the HMS Monmouth's Wildcat helicopter Black Jack, 815 Naval Air Squadron, Royal Navy, jointly nominated by Malta, Singapore and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- the crews of the rescue helicopters Helimer 202 and Helimer 207 of the Spanish Maritime Safety Agency, nominated by Spain; and
- Captain Gaetano Gigliotti, on behalf of the officers and crew of the passenger ship **Carnival Elation**, nominated by the Cruise Lines International Association.

17(f).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):

- Mr. Xu Junlin, Mr. Xu Zhentao, Mr. Lu Ping and Mr. Feng Yajun, members of the **Sanchi** Explosion Emergency Dispatch Squad, Shanghai Salvage Bureau, nominated by China;
- Captain Guo Tianxin, Master of the rescue tugboat **Nan Hai Jiu 116**, Nan Hai Rescue Bureau, nominated by China;
- Captain KE Ashok Kumar and the crew of the M/V **Kodithala**, nominated by India;
- Captain Mahmoud Baghestani, Master of the oil tanker **Stream**, nominated by the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- Captain Sumant Varma and the crew of the M/V **Dubai Knight**, nominated by Panama;
- Captain Roman Rudenko, Master of the firefighting small craft **Chasovoy** of the Northern Branch of the FSBI (Marine Rescue Service), nominated by the Russian Federation;
- Captain Fredrik Krysén and the crew of the M/V **Undine**, nominated by Sweden and separately by ITF; and
- Captain Maxim Kireev and Chief Officer Anatoliy Yarovoy of the general cargo **BBC ASIA**, nominated by ITF.

17(f).5 The Council extended its congratulations to Mr. Zhong Haifeng, the recipient of the 2018 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea. The Council also extended its congratulations to the recipients of Certificates and Letters of Commendation and expressed appreciation to all the remaining candidates and to the Governments and organizations which had nominated such worthy candidates for the Award.

17(f).6 The Council approved the proposed amendments to the Award Guidelines contained in paragraph 12 of document C 120/17(f)/Add.1, in order to include exceptional acts of seamanship in difficult conditions or any other display of outstanding courage.

17(f).7 The Council noted and endorsed the arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of the 2018 Awards ceremony which would be held at IMO Headquarters on Thursday, 6 December 2018, during the 100th session of the Maritime Safety Committee. The Council also noted the invitation for nominations for the 2019 Award.

Reference documents: C 120/17(f) and C 120/17(f)/Add.1

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(g) Report on Day of the Seafarer 2018

17.g(1) The Council noted the information provided orally by the Secretary-General on the Day of the Seafarer 2018, and expressed its appreciation to all those who worked to organize the celebration of the Day to make it a success.

Reference document: No document submitted

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(h) IMO Maritime Ambassador Scheme

17.h(1) The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/17(h), C 120/17(h)/1 and C 120/INF.2, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on the IMO Maritime Ambassador Scheme (IMOMA).

17.h(2) With regard to document C 120/17(h)1, the Council:

- (i) endorsed the Secretary-General's plans for the improvement of the IMOMA Scheme; and
- (ii) invited written proposals for the resourcing of the Scheme for consideration at C121.

17.h(3) With regard to documents C 120/17(h) and C 120/INF.2, the Council:

- (i) encouraged Member States and international organizations in consultative status with IMO that had not done so to nominate an IMO Maritime Ambassador; and
- (ii) encouraged Member States and international organizations in consultative status with IMO that had nominated an IMO Maritime Ambassador to review the activities of their Ambassador(s) and ensure that the position was being actively and beneficially used for the purposes set out in the terms of reference.

Reference documents: C 120/17(h), C 120/17(h)/1 and C 120/INF.2

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18 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION (agenda item 18)

18.1 The Council decided to defer consideration of this matter to C 121.

Reference document: C 120/18

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19 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS (agenda item 19)

19.1 The Council decided to defer consideration of this matter to C 121.

Reference documents: C 120/19 and C 120/19/Add.1

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20 PLACE, DATE AND DURATION OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (C 121) (agenda item 20)

20.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 120/20, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on the place, date and duration of the next session of the Council.

20.2 The Council confirmed that its 121st regular session would be held at the Headquarters of the Organization from 19 to 23 November 2018 and, taking into account the expected increase in the workload of that session, decided that budgetary provision be made for 10 plenary sessions with full interpretation over a five-day meeting.

Reference document: C 120/20

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21 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS (agenda item 21)

(a) Appreciation of the services to the Organization of Mr. Jeffrey G. Lantz

21(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 120/21 on the appreciation of the services to the Organization of Mr. Jeffrey G. Lantz.

21(a).2 The Council approved the draft Assembly resolution expressing appreciation of the services to the Organization of Mr. Lantz and transmitted it to the thirty-first session of the Assembly for adoption.

Reference document: C 120/21

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(b) Arabic Language Interpretation Services

21(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/21/1 (United Arab Emirates and Morocco) and C 120/21/2, as well as that provided orally by the delegation of the United Arab Emirates and the Secretary-General, on the provision of interpretation services for the Arabic language during sub-committee meetings.

21(b).2 The Council agreed, in principle, to provide Arabic language interpretation services for all seven sub-committee meetings as soon as possible, and requested the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for the services to start in 2019.

Reference documents: C 120/21/1 and C 120/21/2

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(c) Administrative requirements in mandatory IMO instruments

21(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 120/21/3 and C 120/21/4 (Russian Federation) concerning administrative requirements in mandatory IMO instruments.

21(c).2 The Council did not agree with the proposal to proceed with the work as outlined in document C 120/21/4; instead Member States were encouraged to submit proposals for a new output on this matter to the Council or the appropriate committee.

Reference documents: C 120/21/3 and C 120/21/4

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