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(a) Report of the Board of Governors

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the University's operations in 2016 and on salient decisions of the WMU Board of Governors during its thirty-fifth session
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	3
<i>High-level action:</i>	3.1.3
<i>Output:</i>	3.1.3.1
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 14
<i>Related documents:</i>	C 118/12/(b), C 118/12(c); C 114/D; C 116/D; TC 67/9(a) and TC 67/9(a)/1

1 Article 16(h) of the Charter of the World Maritime University (the Charter) requires the WMU Board of Governors (referred to below as "the Board of Governors" or "the Board") to report annually to the Council, through the Secretary-General, on the work of the University. The Council, at its 114th session, noted that, following related decisions of the WMU Board of Governors, the University would produce, each year, an integrated annual report covering the activities of the University during the preceding calendar year in a format similar to that used across the academic community and that this should be printed as a brochure and thus act as a useful communications tool, as well as a replacement of the existing annual report of the WMU Board of Governors to the Council on the work of the University (refer to C 114/D, paragraph 14(a).5(ii)). At its 35th session (31 May to 1 June 2017), the Board approved a decision to make available the annual report of the University in online format only.

2 The University's annual report for 2016, was considered and noted by the WMU Board of Governors, at its thirty-fifth session, and will be made available on the WMU website at the following address: <http://wmu.se/docs/annual-report-2016>

3 The report covers developments in governance and management; the academic premises; the enrolment in the core M.Sc. programmes as well as the Ph.D. and Postgraduate Diploma programmes; the Executive and Professional Development courses; and the financial

affairs of the University. It also reports on the 2016 Graduation and the honorary awards and distinctions conferred in 2016.

Financial matters

4 The 2016 consolidated actual revenue and expenditure of the World Maritime University amounted to SEK 115,477,636 and SEK 109,756,237 respectively, resulting in an operational surplus of SEK 5,721,399 plus a gain on currency exchange difference of SEK 9,269,645 for a net surplus of SEK 14,991,044. The consolidated net surplus is the net result of the surplus of SEK 12,804,919 under the General Fund, surplus of SEK 1,729,925 under the Trust and Special Fund and surplus from the WMU Endowment Fund of SEK 456,200.

Student Body

5 For 2016, the Malmö campus had a student intake of 130 M.Sc. new students; 108 M.Sc. continuing students and 6 accelerated students of the Class 2016; and 27 new and continuing Ph.D. students. Overall, the University has a total of 480 students consisting of 271 students in the Malmö campus and 209 students under the Outreach Programme: 53 students enrolled in the Shanghai and Dalian programmes; and 156 students under the Postgraduate Diploma Programme and the Distance Learning Programme.

Decisions of the WMU Board of Governors

6 The WMU Board of Governors held its thirty-fifth session in Malmö on 31 May and 1 June 2017 and, taking into account the related recommendations of the WMU Executive Board (referred to below as "the Executive Board"), the Board of Governors, inter alia:

- .1 adopted a substantially revised and modernized Charter for the University, and requested the Secretary-General to propose the revised Charter, as adopted by the Board, to the 118th session of the IMO Council in July 2017 for approval, and to the regular session of the IMO Assembly for adoption at its thirtieth session (November-December 2017);
- .2 noted the developments relating to the establishment of an Ocean Institute within the University, and gratefully acknowledged the very generous support of the Nippon Foundation to WMU, and specifically for the Ocean Institute, the Nippon Foundation Chairs, and the support for the Sasakawa Fellows. The Board approved the setting up of the Institute within the framework of WMU, and authorized the signing of the Arrangement with the Nippon Foundation.
- .3 approved the alignment of the University with the salaries, allowances and benefits recommended by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), the implementation of additional ICSC benefits to bring the University into complete compliance; and approved the amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules to give effect to these benefits;
- .4 approved the affiliation of WMU Staff (both Professional and General Service) to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF), taking into account the acquired rights of General Service Staff; approved the amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules to give effect to the affiliation to the UNJSPF; and authorized the Executive Board to determine the date of entry into force of the arrangements for the affiliation to the UNJSPF, following consideration by the IMO Council (and Assembly) as appropriate;

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- .5 noted a report on the progress made in implementing the 2016-2017 Business Plan, and considered the 2018-2019 Business Plan, approving the twelve Strategic Goals identified and the outcomes required to achieve these Strategic Goals;
 - .6 noted and welcomed the External Auditor's unqualified opinion on the University's financial operations during the financial period which ended on 31 December 2016 and requested the Executive Board to monitor the actions taken by the University in implementing the External Auditor's recommendations particularly those related to risk management;
 - .7 approved the revised Trending Budget for 2017;
 - .8 adopted the Initial Budget for 2018;
 - .9 approved the fees for the Doctor of Philosophy in Maritime Affairs, and the fees and related fellowship fees for the Master of Science in Maritime Affairs and the English Study and Skills Programme for the 2018 entry and the indicative fees for 2019;
 - .10 adopted amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules, and the Interpretation Statute;
 - .11 pursuant to the provisions of article 19(a)(ii) of the Charter and bearing in mind the provisions of article 21 of the Charter, reappointed as Members of the Executive Board to serve for two-year terms of office: Mr. Gerardo Borromeo until 30 June 2019; Mr. Anders Hermansson until 31 October 2019; Ms. Catherine Lee until 31 December 2019; and Mr. Rolf Westerström until 31 October 2019; and appointed a new member of the Executive Board, Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta for a two-year term;
 - .12 pursuant to the provisions of article 19(a)(i) of the Charter, noted the re-appointment of the Chairman, Mr. Torben Skaanild, by the Chancellor, to serve until 30 June 2018; and
 - .13 noted a report on discussions in connection with the accreditation of WMU degrees by Sweden, including particular areas for consideration, such as the issues of Swedish legislation, WMU's privileges and immunities and the requisite amendments to relevant WMU Regulations and Rules, and encouraged the University to move forward with further consultations, while highlighting the importance of preserving WMU's privileges and immunities.

Endowment Fund

7 The Board of Governors, at its second extraordinary session on 31 October 2015, adopted the Interim Statute of the WMU Endowment Fund which governs the establishment, operation and management of the Fund. A Development Committee and an Investment Committee were set up and met three times in September 2016, December 2016 and March 2017. Both Committees operate within the framework of the Interim Statutes of the WMU Endowment Fund and report to the Executive Board which submits progress reports to the Board of Governors.

8 In April 2016, WMU received from the Philippine Transmarine Carriers the first donation of \$50,000 to the University's Endowment Fund. In October 2016, WMU received from the Government of Germany a contribution of €1 million to the University's Endowment Fund. The Board of Governors encouraged donations from other Members of the Organization and maritime stakeholders.

Equipment and facilities

9 The Council, at its 114th session, strongly urged Member States and shipping industry stakeholders to contact WMU and find out what they could offer, in terms of equipment and facilities, to support the transition to new academic facilities (C 114/D, paragraph 14(a).4). Since then, the President has circulated a list of the equipment and facilities which are needed by the University as set out in the annex.

Comments and observations

10 The Secretary-General wishes to express his appreciation to all Members of the Board of Governors and to the Executive Board for their contribution to the work of the University during the period under review.

11 As the Council is aware, the University is, to a great extent, financed by contributions from a relatively small number of countries and organizations, and, in this regard, the Secretary-General, in addition to recognizing the contribution of all of them, wishes to reiterate the Organization's particular gratitude to the Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö for their generous support to the University and the hospitality its students enjoy throughout their stay in Malmö.

12 All donors contributing to the operational budget, student fellowships, the Endowment Fund, visiting professors and field study opportunities are greatly appreciated. Financial and in-kind contributions from the international community in support of WMU are always a welcome support to the University's mission and achievements.

13 The Secretary-General appreciates the efforts of the President and her management team to develop and expand new revenue-generating activities, which have contributed towards the University's increased reserves.

Action requested of the Council

14 The Council is invited to:

- .1 note the annual report of the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University for the calendar year 2016 and to comment as it deems appropriate;
- .2 urge, 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;
- .3 strongly urge 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; and
- .4 express its appreciation to those donors who have contributed to the WMU Endowment Fund and urge Governments and organizations to provide financial contributions to the Fund.

ANNEX

WMU EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS

A range of equipment and facilities are considered necessary to enable the University to function optimally and deliver revenue-generating programmes, thus contributing to the rebuilding of financial reserves and the University's long-term sustainability. The first requirement is to operationalize the new office space for research. The others are connected with the security of the building, and with the safety of the students and their belongings, especially their IT equipment.

New office space for research

1 The City of Malmö generously made an additional 500 sqm available to WMU to host the Oceans Institute and accommodate up to 24 staff.

2 The restored premises will be made available to WMU as of 1 August 2017. The provision of fixtures and fittings for these new premises have been estimated at SEK 1,609,230.

Security speed gates

3 Security concerns have arisen at the entrance to WMU's new facilities with the occasional occurrence of unwanted intrusions. An initial assessment for equipping the entrance with security speed gates was made. The estimated investment is SEK 380,000.

Safety boxes for WMU student residence (Henrik Smith Residence)

4 Students have frequently lamented the absence of safety boxes at the residence. Installing 220 units are estimated at SEK 661,642.

Additional lockers at WMU's facilities

5 Students have used lockers at WMU's academic facilities. However, their number is insufficient to cover the 2017 intake. Additional lockers are estimated at SEK 36,239.
