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EXTERNAL RELATIONS

World Maritime Day 2018 and the celebration of IMO's 70th anniversary

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document informs Members of the proposed arrangements to mark IMO's 70th anniversary in 2018
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	11.1 and 11.2
<i>High-level action:</i>	11.1.1, 11.1.2 and 11.2.1
<i>Output:</i>	11.1.1.1
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related documents:</i>	None

1 The Council, at its 116th session, noted that 2018 would mark the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the IMO Convention, the 60th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention and the 100th session of the Maritime Safety Committee. At its 117th session, the Council further endorsed the Secretary-General's proposed theme for World Maritime Day 2018 – **"IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future"** – and authorized that action be taken for the celebration of the anniversaries and the World Maritime Day in 2018, in accordance with the established practice.

2 The Secretariat is currently in the process of developing a number of activities and events to promote the above-mentioned anniversaries, showcasing the Organization's heritage and, at the same time, looking ahead to a sustainable future and the central role that IMO and shipping will play in bringing it about. The activities which are being organized include formal ceremonies, as well as activities aiming to involve, or raise awareness about IMO and the anniversaries, with specific target groups (i.e. the IMO family, the United Nations system, the maritime community and the wider public). A circular letter will be sent out in due course with detailed information on the final arrangements.

3 Funding for the cost of the anniversary activities will be sourced from the general budget in those cases where the activities are developed in the context of a regular expenditure and, in the other cases, from The Voyage Together Trust Fund generously set up by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

Action requested of Council Members

4 The Council is invited to take note of the information contained in this document.
