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DRAFT SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

GENERAL

The 118th session of the Council was held from 24 to 28 July 2017 (with no session on Friday, 28 July 2017) and was chaired by Mr. J. Lantz (United States).

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

[To be completed by the Secretariat after the meeting, based on document C 118/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, as contained in documents C 118/1/Rev.1 and C 118/1/1.

Reference documents: C 118/1, C 118/1/Rev.1 and C 118/1/1.

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2 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON CREDENTIALS (agenda item 2)

2.1 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 118/2

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3 STRATEGY, PLANNING AND REFORM (agenda item 3)

3.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 118/3, C 118/3/Add.1, C 118/3/1, C 118/3/2, C 118/3/3 (France and Spain), C 118/WP.3 and C 118/WP.4 as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, the delegation of Spain and the Chair of the Working Group on the Development of a New Strategic Framework, on the subject of strategy, planning and reform.

3.2 As regards document C 118/3/3, the Council:

- (i) did not agree to establish an expert group and decided that the work proposed should be included in the review process of the Strategic Plan to take place over the next biennium;
- (ii) recognizing that the Organization has yet to fully define and agree on a process to integrate the SDGs into its work, decided, at this stage, not to request the Secretary-General to lead a process for developing additional performance indicators at the United Nations level relating to IMO's work;
- (iii) requested the Secretariat to prepare a draft alignment of the SDs and outputs to the SDGs for its consideration at C 120; and invited Member States to submit further proposals in this regard, to the same session of the Council;
- (iv) agreed that a working group could be convened at C 121, to consider the outcome of C 120 in relation to the review of the draft alignment to be prepared by the Secretariat and further proposals submitted by Member States;
- (v) reiterated that the development and review of the Strategic Plan is an inclusive process and, to this end, invited all interested Member States to contribute to the review process and participate in the above-mentioned working group, when established;

- (vi) in relation to the annex to the document, agreed to the insertion of the first proposed paragraph in the preamble of the draft Assembly resolution on the Strategic Plan for the Organization, but did not agree to the inclusion thereto of the second proposed paragraph.

3.3 As regards document C 118/3/1, the Council decided to forward the draft Performance Indicators and the draft Assembly resolution on the Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018 to 2023, as set out in annexes 1 and 2 respectively, to the Working Group for finalization, together with the decisions reached on the proposals from France and Spain, and to advise on the periodic review and evaluation of the Performance Indicators.

3.4 With regard to document C 118/3/2, the Council decided to forward the document on the Application of the Strategic Plan of the Organization, together with the associated draft Assembly resolution set out in the annex, to the Working Group for finalization, taking into account the decision for the inclusion of aspects relating to the mission and vision statements.

3.5 In document C 118/3/Add.1, the Council approved:

- (i) the outputs for the 2018-2019 biennium which have been aligned to the new Strategic Directions and for which the Assembly and Council are parent organs, as amended;
- (ii) the consequential numbering system for the outputs; and
- (iii) the list of outputs for the 2018-2019 biennium, to be attached to the Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018 to 2023.

3.6 The Council established the Working Group, with the proposed terms of reference as contained in document C 118/WP.3, and requested that a report be submitted to the Council on Thursday, 27 July 2017.

[more to come on completion of the Working Group report C 118/WP.4]

Reference documents: C 118/3, C 118/3/Add.1, C 118/3/1, C 118/3/2, C 118/3/3, C 118/WP.3 and C 118/WP.4

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4 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (agenda item 4)

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

4(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 118/4(a), C 118/4(a)/1, C 118/4(a)/2 and C 118/4(a)/2/Add.1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on human resources matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.

4(a).2 The Council, in particular, noted the new text of staff rules 103.3 and 103.8, as set out in annex 2 of document C 118/4(a)/1.

4(a).3 The Council approved the revised text of staff regulation 3.2 and paragraph 12 and table 3 of annex 1 of the Staff Regulations, as set out in annex 1 of document C 118/4(a)/1.

4(a).4 The Council expressed interest in seeing further progress on the human resources matters discussed and, in particular, looked forward to being informed on the status of the Functional Review at C/ES.29.

Reference documents: C 118/4(a); C 118/4(a)/1; C 118/4(a)/2 and C 118/4(a)/2/Add.1

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(b) Accounts and audit: accounts for the financial period 2016 and transfers within the 2016 budget

4(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 118/4(b) and C 118/4(b)/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Auditor-General of Ghana, reporting on the Organization's financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016, and the External Auditor's opinion and report thereon.

4(b).2 The Council, in particular:

(i) noted the Secretary-General's statement, the statement on internal control and the financial statements for the Organization's financial year ended 31 December 2016;

(ii) welcomed the unqualified opinion of the External Auditor in annex 2 of the annex to document C 118/4(b);

- (iii) expressed its appreciation to the External Auditor for his report;
- (iv) noted the operating surplus of revenue over expenditure for 2016 of £736,587, as can be seen in Statement II of the financial statements in the annex to document C 118/4(b); and
- (v) welcomed the Secretary-General's stewardship of the Organization's Funds and his report to the Council.

4(b).3 The Council decided to forward the financial statements for the Organization's financial year ended 2016 and the External Auditor's report thereon to the thirtieth regular session of the Assembly.

Reference documents: C 118/4(b) and C 118/4(b)/1

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(c) Report on investments

4(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 118/4(c), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on investments.

Reference documents: C 118/4(c)

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(d) Report on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention

4(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 118/4(d) and addendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

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

- (i) noted the collection rate of Members States' contributions and the continuing arrears of those Member States identified in the two documents under review;
- (ii) urged those Member States with outstanding contributions to remit them as soon as possible;
- (iii) reiterated its firm stance on the strict enforcement of Article 61 of the IMO Convention; and
- (iv) noted the balance in the Working Capital Fund of £1,472,908 as at 30 June 2017.

Reference documents: C 118/4(d) and addendum

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(e) Budget considerations for 2017

4(e).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 118/4(e), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on budget considerations for 2017.

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

- (i) the external pay and price factors review;
- (ii) the impact of the exchange rate movement and ring-fenced results through the Working Capital Fund;
- (iii) the forecast outturn level of the regular budget expenditure for 2017, expected to be kept within the approved appropriation for 2017;
- (iv) the income and expenditure outturn and forecast in the Trading Fund and the consequential in-year surplus distribution;

- (v) the expenditure status of the Headquarters Capital Fund;
- (vi) the expenditure status of the Termination Benefit Fund and the forecast requirement for supplementary funding for 2017, the Training and Development Fund and the Technical Cooperation Fund;
- (vii) the various donations for extra-budgetary programmes and their expenditure status;
- (viii) that a total of £2.4 million was recognized under all of the IMO Funds as outstanding commitments from 2016 to be delivered in 2017, for which the associated budgets and funds will be carried forward to 2017 as and when the commitments are due for liquidation;
- (ix) that the Secretary-General would provide an update on the Voyage Together Trust Fund, including, in particular, the methodology and scope of the functional review, to the Council at C/ES.29 under the agenda item on "Strategy, planning and reform"; and
- (x) the summary and the Secretary-General's conclusion and his plan to present an updated review of budgetary prospects to C/ES.29.

4(e).3 The Council authorized the Secretary-General to make, as and when necessary, timely transfers between Strategic Results to the extent that balances are available to cover or reduce deficits in Strategic Results appropriation balances, in accordance with the Organization's Financial Regulations and Financial Rules.

Reference documents: C 118/4(e)

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5 RESULTS-BASED BUDGET FOR 2018-2019 (agenda item 5)

5.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 118/5, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the results-based budget for the 2018-2019 biennium.

5.2 The Council, in particular:

- (i) endorsed the Organization's regular budget staff complement for the 2018-2019 biennium, which remains unchanged from the current biennium;
- (ii) noted that the budget outline was set on the basis of 32.8 meeting weeks (comprising 16.8 weeks for 2018 and 16 weeks for 2019) for next biennium's IMO meetings with full interpretation services;
- (iii) noted the outline regular budget for the 2018-2019 biennium of £70,147,000, comprising an appropriation of £34,705,000 for 2018 and an appropriation of £35,442,000 for 2019, as summarized in table 1, and requested the Secretary-General to prepare his detailed budget on the same basis, taking into account fluctuations in external factors, as well as comments made at the current session of the Council, for submission at C/ES.29;
- (iv) noted the budgetary assumption indicators, the sensitivity of the budget to changes in those assumptions, and the mitigating mechanisms in place where appropriate (table 3), and noted that in submitting his detailed results-based budget to the Council at C/ES.29 and the Assembly, these assumptions may be updated to reflect changing circumstances;
- (v) endorsed the proposed budget plan for the Organization's other Funds (table 4);
- (vi) approved in principle the formula for the distribution of the Trading Fund surplus, and recommended its adoption by the Assembly (table 7);
- (vii) taking into account the Organization's overall financial situation, decided in principle that the additional funds available from the regular budget expenditure savings for the current biennium should, as an interim measure, be applied against the ASHI liability;
- (viii) noted the financing of the biennial appropriation by assessments upon Member States of £65,683,000, comprising an assessment of £32,428,000

for 2018 and £33,255,000 for 2019, while endorsing the proposal to use, for the reduction of the assessment, offsetting income as shown in table 6;

- (ix) noted that the Secretary-General would provide his detailed results-based budget reflecting the conclusions and decisions of C 118, to C/ES.29 for its consideration, together with a related draft Assembly resolution.

Reference document: C 118/5

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6 IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME (agenda item 6)

6.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 118/6 and C 118/6/1 (Chile), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, containing an updated report on progress made in the implementation of the IMO Member State Audit Scheme since the 117th session of the Council.

6.2 With respect to document C 118/6, the Council, in particular:

- (i) noted the progress made in audits for 2016, 2017 and 2018 and the related information;
- (ii) endorsed the request from Austria, and the related assessment that there was no tangible benefit to be derived from carrying out an audit;
- (iii) invited Member States scheduled to be audited after 2018 and prepared to have their audits brought forward to 2018, to inform the Secretary-General before November of this year;
- (iv) endorsed the inclusion of Belarus and Zambia in the current audit cycle and the revised overall audit schedule set out in the annex to the document;
- (v) encouraged Member States to provide the Secretariat with the details of the designated authorized person to access Member State audit reports through the GISIS module as per Circular Letter No.3587;
- (vi) 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;

- (vii) endorsed the issuance of future consolidated audit summary reports containing lessons learned from audits by means of Circular Letters, which would be reported to the Council and Assembly; and
- (viii) encouraged auditors to update their profiles in E-roster, and for individuals nominated for inclusion in the roster of auditors and for the Member State nominating such individuals to use the procedures set out in Circular Letter No.3547.

6.3 With respect to document C 118/6/1, containing a summary of Chile's activities and experiences under the Audit Scheme, the Council in particular noted:

- (i) the issue of an overall strategy for the effective implementation of IMO instruments and the possible need for guidelines and instructions to assist Member States in developing an overall strategy as required by the III Code; and
- (ii) Chile's intention to continue to support IMO and its technical cooperation activities carried out, with regard to the Member State Audit Scheme, either through a bilateral cooperation agreement with the Member States or through IMO.

Reference documents: C 118/6, C 118/6/1

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7 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 7)

7.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 118/7 and C 118/7/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Facilitation Committee, regarding the outcome of the forty-first session of the Facilitation Committee (FAL) and the creation of a collaborative web-based workspace.

7.2 The Council noted the information on decisions and progress made on relevant agenda items of the Facilitation Committee, as set out in paragraph 15 of document C 118/7, and in particular:

- (i) endorsed the new outputs agreed at the session for inclusion in the High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2018-2019 biennium; and
- (ii) noted the FAL Committee's decisions taken with regard to the creation of a collaborative web-based workspace.

7.3 With respect to document C 118/7/1, the Council, noting general support for the creation of a collaborative web-based workspace and taking into account comments made in plenary, requested the Secretary-General to conduct further evaluation relating to the following:

- accessibility to the proposed IMOSpace;
- cybersecurity;
- additional financial and administrative resources required; and
- availability of alternative open-source web-based workspace;

and report the outcome to C 120.

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

Reference documents: C 118/7 and C 118/7/1

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8 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE (agenda item 8)

8.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 118/8, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Legal Committee, reporting on the outcome of the 104th session of the Committee.

8.2 The Council, in particular:

- (i) noted the two draft Assembly resolutions on the implementation and entry into force of the 2010 HNS Protocol, and on the delegation of authority to issue insurance certificates required under the 1992 CLC and the 2010 HNS Convention, which were approved by the Legal Committee, for transmission to the thirtieth session of the Assembly for adoption;
- (ii) noted that the Committee had completed its work on the analysis and consideration of recommendations to reduce administrative burdens in IMO instruments including those identified by the SG-RAR;
- (iii) noted the statements of several delegations regarding the use of fraudulent ship registration certificates, as was raised at LEG 104; and
- (iv) endorsed the Committee's decisions on the status of outputs for the 2016-2017 biennium, the outputs for the 2018-2019 biennium, and the planned agenda for the 105th session of the Committee;

8.3 The Council approved the report of the 104th session of the Committee in general and transmitted it, with its comments and recommendations, to the Assembly at its thirtieth session, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference documents: C 118/8

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9 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (agenda item 9)

9.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 118/9 and C 118/9/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Maritime Safety Committee, reporting on the outcome of the ninety-seventh and ninety-eighth sessions of the Committee.

9.2 The Council, in particular, noted the information on decisions and progress made on relevant agenda items of the Committee, as set out in paragraph 25 of document C 118/9 and paragraph 29 of document C 118/9/1.

9.3 The Council endorsed:

- (i) the new outputs agreed by the Committee for inclusion in the High-level Action Plan and priorities for the 2016-2017 biennium;
- (ii) the outputs approved by the Committee for the 2018-2019 biennium, which have been aligned to the new Strategic Directions as agreed by C 117; and
- (iii) the intersessional meetings approved for 2017 and 2018.

9.4 The Council approved the reports of the ninety-seventh and ninety-eighth sessions of the Committee in general and transmitted them, with its comments and recommendations, to the Assembly at its thirtieth session, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference documents: C 118/9 and C 118/9/1

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10 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 10)

10.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 118/10 and C 118/10/Add.1 as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Technical Cooperation Committee, reporting on the outcome of the sixty-seventh session of the Committee.

10.2 The Council approved:

- (i) the allocation and use of £5,361,162 (equivalent to \$6,969,510) and £4,638,839 (equivalent to \$6,030,490) to support the delivery of the ITCP during 2018 and 2019, respectively;
- (ii) the draft Assembly resolution on the linkages between IMO's technical assistance work and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a view to submission to the Assembly at its thirtieth session for adoption;
- (iii) the draft Assembly resolution on the guiding principles of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a view to submission to the Assembly at its thirtieth session for adoption;

- (iv) the draft Assembly resolution on the financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable ITCP, with a view to submission to the Assembly at its thirtieth session for adoption; and
- (v) the allocation of three full meeting days with interpretation, to allow the Committee sufficient time to discuss all items under its agenda.

10.3 The Council authorized the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee's sixty-seventh session to the thirtieth regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference documents: C 118/10 and C 118/10/Add.1

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13 IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE: (agenda item 13)

(a) Report of the Governing Board

13(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 118/13(a), as well as that provided orally by the Director of IMLI, on the Annual Report of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) Governing Board.

13(a).2 The Council:

- (i) noted the Annual report of the Governing Board on the work of IMLI covering developments up to 5 May 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 Institute and, to that end, keep the Organization and the Institute informed of any developments;
- (iii) expressed its appreciation to the IMLI academic and administrative staff for their determined and dedicated efforts to ensure the Institute's performance and financial stability;

- (iv) recognized the essential contribution the Institute continues to make in strengthening the capacity, of developing countries in particular, to implement the various IMO treaty instruments to which they are party; and
- (v) reaffirmed its continuous support to the Institute, in recognition of its success in maintaining high academic standards in the field of international maritime law.

Reference document: C 118/13(a)

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(b) Budget

13(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 118/13(b), as well as that provided orally by the Director of IMLI, reporting on the budgets of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute.

13(b).2 The Council:

- (i) noted the information relating to IMLI's revised Budget for 2017 and proposed Budget for 2018;
- (ii) noted the "unqualified" nature of the audit by the External Auditor on the Institute's financial performance up to the end of 2016;
- (iii) expressed appreciation to all Members of the Governing Board, of the Finance and Human Resources Committee and of the Academic Committee for their contribution to the work of IMLI during the period under review;
- (iv) expressed appreciation for the prudent management of IMLI's financial affairs and the building of IMLI's reserves, as well as the continuing efforts of IMLI's Director and personnel to develop other revenue-generating activities for the benefit of IMLI;
- (v) noted the financial support the Organization provided to IMLI since 2010 through the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme; and

- (vi) expressed its appreciation to the Government of Malta for its continuing generous in-kind support to IMLI and to those who, through their financial contributions, made possible the operation of IMLI, including:
- the Nippon Foundation;
 - the Governments of Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Switzerland;
 - the Lloyd's Register Foundation;
 - Transport Malta;
 - the Comité Maritime International (CMI) Charitable Trust;
 - Dr. Kofi Mbiah, the Malta Chartered Institute of Logistics and the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC); and
 - the Institute's Director, Professor David Attard, for his donation to support the Ph.D. Programme.

Reference document: C 118/13(b)

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14 PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES (agenda item 14)

14.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 118/14, C 118/14/1 and C 118/INF.2 (Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Singapore, ReCAAP-ISC and ICC), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on the Protection of vital shipping lanes.

14.2 With regard to the information provided orally by the Secretary-General and by several delegations on the piracy situation, the Council:

- (i) expressed its concern for the continuing incidence of piracy attacks against ships globally;
- (ii) urged flag States, shipmasters, shipowners/operators and shipping companies to continue to take protective measures against possible piracy attacks through diligent application of IMO guidance and best management practices (BMP);

- (iii) expressed appreciation to those countries that have provided warships, government vessels, aircraft and personnel to suppress piracy and armed robbery against ships, and urged them to continue to do so;
- (iv) urged flag States, shipmasters, shipowners/operators and shipping companies to report incidents of piracy and armed robbery in a timely manner to reporting organizations;
- (v) expressed appreciation to the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines for their tripartite cooperation to address the piracy situation in the Sulu/Celebes Sea area;
- (vi) expressed appreciation to all those countries that had contributed to the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund, the Djibouti Code Trust Fund, and the International Maritime Security Trust Fund and extended its appreciation to those countries and organizations that had assisted in the implementation of the associated programmes; and
- (vii) invited Member States and organizations to continue contributing to the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund and Djibouti Code Trust Fund.

14.3 With respect to document C 118/14, the Council:

- (i) noted the outcome of the Jeddah Meeting and, in particular, the adoption of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct 2017 and the resolutions adopted thereby; and
- (ii) expressed appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting and funding the Jeddah Meeting; and to the States and international organizations, which supported and assisted the Meeting.

14.4 With respect to document C 118/14/1, the Council:

- (i) expressed appreciation to the littoral States of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore for the timely implementation of the various components of the Cooperative Mechanism in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore;

- (ii) also expressed appreciation to those Member States and organizations which had made contributions to the Cooperative Mechanism and to the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Fund; and
- (iii) invited Member States and organizations to further contribute to the Mechanism; and also to the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Trust Fund.

Reference documents: C 118/14, C 118/14/1 and C 118/INF.2

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15 PRINCIPLES TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE REVIEW OF EXISTING REQUIREMENTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW REQUIREMENTS (agenda item 15)

15.1 The Council, while noting that the established procedures for the review of existing requirements and the development of new requirements provide ample scope for this issue to be considered when the need arises, decided to remove this item from the agenda and further decided that any issue on this subject matter could be submitted as a supplementary agenda item at future sessions of the Council.

Reference document: No document submitted

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21 RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 21)

21.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 118/21, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on the Rules and Procedures of the Council.

21.2 The Council endorsed the final text of the amended Rules of Procedure of the Council, as set out in the annex to the document.

21.3 The Council agreed to limit the term of office for its Chair and Vice-Chair, so that they would both be eligible for re-election for a maximum of two consecutive terms, with the possibility of one additional term in exceptional circumstances. The new text of rule 19 reads as follows:

"The Council shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among the representatives of its Members. The elections shall take place at a special meeting following each

regular session of the Assembly. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall both be eligible for re-election for up to two further consecutive terms of office. In exceptional circumstances they may be re-elected for one additional consecutive term of office."

21.4 The Council noted that the amended Rules of Procedure of the Council, including the amendments to rule 19, would be published in the Organization's Basic Documents, Volume I, 2018 edition.

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