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Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on follow-up action regarding the International Bar Association (IBA), in the context of the periodical review of organizations in consultative status with IMO

Action to be taken: Paragraph 2

Related documents: C 98/D and C/ES.24/12(b)/1

International Bar Association (IBA)

1 Since the issue of document C/ES.24/12(b)/1, the Secretary-General has received a response from IBA, which is reproduced at annex to this document.

Action requested of the Council

2 The Council is invited to consider the information provided by IBA and to comment and decide as appropriate.

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ANNEX

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Consultative status of the International Bar Association in International Maritime Organisation

I refer to telephone conversation with Dr Rosalie Balkin. I hereby confirm that the International Bar Association ("IBA") through its Maritime and Transport Law Committee strongly wishes to maintain its consultative status with the International Maritime Organisation.

I understand that the consultative status of IBA will be dealt with at the coming extraordinary session of the Council of IMO which will be held on 15 and 16 November 2007. As agreed with Dr Rosalie Balkin I will attend this session on behalf of IBA from the afternoon of 15 November 2007 and throughout Friday 16 November 2007. I am Senior Vice Chair in the Maritime and Transport Law Committee. I understand that the issue regarding the consultative status of IBA is on the agenda Friday 16 November 2007 in the afternoon. I shall be most pleased to give a short presentation of IBA's Maritime and Transport Law Committee and explain why it is for the benefit of both the IBA Maritime and Transport Law Committee and IMO to maintain IBA's consultative status with IMO.

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Below I shall shortly describe the activities of IBA's Maritime and Transport Law Committee and the reasons for the Committee maintaining its consultative status with IMO.

1. IBA's Maritime and Transport Law Committee has today approximately 800 members who are all lawyers dealing with maritime and transportation law. The members are geographically spread worldwide. The IBA Maritime and Transport Law Committee meet annually at the IBA annual conference and it is also normal to arrange half-year conferences. At the latest annual conference in Singapore (held two weeks ago) approximately 130 delegates participated. IBA is thus a very efficient forum where active maritime lawyers practicing on a worldwide basis meet and share experiences and maintain their network to other maritime lawyers. In addition, the Committee focuses on developing areas of law and practice in the shipping industry.
2. The IBA Maritime and Transport Law Committee is very active in respect of organising its conferences. The latest four conferences were:
 - March 2006 half-year conference, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 - October 2006 IBA annual conference Chicago, USA
 - April 2007 half-year conference, Hamburg, Germany
 - October 2007 IBA annual conference, Singapore

Topics were inter alia:

- Latest developments in charterparties and the apportionment of charterparty obligations between owner and a charterer
 - Multijurisdictional proceedings arising out of a ship collision in open sea and non-territorial waters
 - Recent developments in shipping law around the world
 - Recent developments in bill of lading case law and the issue of identity of a charterer
 - Arbitration in maritime and transport disputes
3. At the latest conference in Singapore I had the pleasure of chairing a half-day session on piracy which was inspired by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee meeting in Copenhagen in October 2007. This session is a very good example of how the areas of law which the IBA Maritime and Transport Law Committee covers are similar to those issues which are dealt with by IMO and for which reason cooperation between the two organisations can be very efficient and to the benefit of both organisations.

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4. I believe that a number of benefits can be obtained from the cooperation between the IBA Maritime and Transport Law Committee and IMO, for instance jointly arranging conferences and giving presentations at the respective organisation's conferences. IBA is currently planning a half-year conference in Athens on 8-10 June 2008 and I sincerely hope that IMO can have representatives at this conference.

I apologise that the IBA Maritime and Transport Law Committee has been inactive in the latest years as regards its consultative status with IMO. Neither Executive Chair of the IBA Maritime and Transport Law Committee, Mr Joe Hurley, nor the undersigned were in fact aware of IBA having this consultative status. The reason is that the chairmanships within IBA's committees change every two years, and we were not informed about this consultative status by the previous officers. We will do our utmost to reactivate our position within IMO and ensure that the coming Chairs will do the same.

I look very much forward to meeting the representatives of IMO at the extraordinary session to be held on 15 and 16 November 2007 and I am sure that this can be the offset for a continued and strengthened relationship between the IBA Maritime and Transport Law Committee and IMO. This will surely lead to a fruitful cooperation in the future.

Best regards

Peter Appel
