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EXTERNAL RELATIONS

(b) Relations with non-governmental organizations

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: In the context of the periodical review of organizations in consultative status with IMO, this document reports on follow-up actions concerning the International Maritime Health Association (IMHA); the International Bar Association (IBA); and the Iberoamerican Institute of Maritime Law (IIDM)

Action to be taken: Paragraph 5

Related documents: C 98/18(d)/1 and C 98/D

Introduction

1 The Council, at its ninety-eighth session, reviewed the list of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO, as required by Rule 10 of the Rules Governing Relationship with Non-Governmental International Organizations, in order to determine whether the continuance of their status in any particular case was necessary and desirable so that it might be able to report to the Assembly accordingly. Developments concerning IMHA, IBA and IIDM, based on decisions taken by the Council in the context of the above review, are reported hereunder.

International Maritime Health Association (IMHA)

2 C 98, having noted the poor attendance record of IMHA at IMO meetings, decided to retain the Association's provisional consultative status for the time being and to revisit the matter at its twenty-fourth extraordinary session. This decision was conveyed to IMHA by letter dated 19 July 2007 and any response received from them will be reported to the Council in an appropriate manner.

3 In this connection, the Council is advised that IMHA has enjoyed consultative status with IMO on a provisional basis since November 2003. In accordance with Rule 1 of the Rules Governing Relationship with Non-Governmental International Organizations, the grant of provisional consultative status is limited to a period not exceeding four years. Accordingly, IMHA's provisional consultative status will lapse in November 2007, unless converted to full consultative status.

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International Bar Association (IBA) and Iberoamerican Institute of Maritime Law (IIDM)

4 The Council, having noted the poor attendance record of IBA and IIDM at IMO meetings, decided that they should be reminded of their obligations under the Guidelines on the Grant of Consultative Status. This decision was conveyed to both organizations by letters dated 19 July 2007 and any responses received from them will be reported to the Council in an appropriate manner.

Action requested of the Council

5 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and, on the basis of any additional report submitted, to decide whether:

- .1 to convert the provisional consultative status granted to IMHA to full consultative status; and
- .2 to retain the consultative status of IBA and IIDM,

advising A25 accordingly.
