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EXTERNAL RELATIONS

(e) Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) report on the review of management and administration in IMO

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related document: A 25/19 (b)

Background

1 As part of its work programme for 2007, the JIU conducted a review of management and administration of the Organization. A team of two inspectors and two research assistants visited the Secretariat from 30 April to 4 May 2007 and had discussions with senior management, including the Secretary-General, and other members of staff dealing with operational areas of the Secretariat. Full co-operation was extended to the JIU in its review and all documentation and other information requested were made available to them.

Recommendations

2 The full report of the JIU on its review (JIU/REP/2007/7) will be considered by the Council, at its 100th session, including any comments the Secretary-General may have thereon. The Council may, however, wish to be aware that three of the report's eleven recommendations are addressed to the legislative bodies of the Organization, as follows:

- .1 changes are needed to improve the efficiency of committees, sub-committees and working groups by reducing the number of meetings and the volume of documentation. The Council should request the Secretary-General to submit for its consideration a long-term strategy for the reduction of the costs of meetings and encourage the enforcement of the documentation rules and guidelines;
- .2 the Council should affirm its commitment to results-based management (RBM) and should request the Secretary-General to speed up the transition to an RBM structure and culture in accordance with the benchmarks formulated in the JIU report JIU/REP/2004/5; and

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- .3 the Council should request the Secretary-General to develop a mechanism for regular evaluation and needs assessments of programmes in order to identify activities which might have become obsolete, inefficient or of marginal usefulness to Member States. IMO should draw on the results and experience of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme in this regard.

Action requested of the Council

- 3 The Council is invited to note:
 - .1 the JIU recommendations addressed to the Organization's legislative bodies; and
 - .2 that the full report and the Secretary-General's response thereon will be submitted to the Council's 100th session for consideration.
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