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(a) Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This report draws attention to resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations of relevance to IMO
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 6
<i>Related documents:</i>	None

1 Since the twenty-third extraordinary session of the Council in November 2005, the Secretary-General has received from the Secretariat of the United Nations the following resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, all dealing with matters of relevance to IMO or containing requests to organizations within the United Nations system:

General Assembly resolutions	Title
Resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005	2005 World Summit Outcome
Resolution 60/12 of 8 November 2005	Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba
Resolution 60/15 of 14 November 2005	Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster

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General Assembly resolutions	Title
Resolution 60/30 of 29 November 2005	Oceans and the law of the sea
Resolution 60/31 of 29 November 2005	Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
Resolution 60/111 of 8 December 2005	Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories
Resolution 60/112 of 8 December 2005	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations
Resolution 60/119 of 8 December 2005	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Resolution 60/177 of 16 December 2005	Follow-up to the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

2 The texts of the aforementioned resolutions have been circulated to Governments through other channels and are, therefore, not annexed to this document.

3 With respect to resolution 60/30 on Oceans and the law of the sea, sections VIII and IX are of particular relevance, in that they take note of and commend the progress of work at IMO in the field of maritime safety and security, flag State implementation and protection of the marine environment.¹

4 With respect to resolution 60/31 on Sustainable fisheries, paragraph 32 is of particular relevance in that it welcomes the adoption of the Code of Safety for Fishermen and Fishing Vessels, as revised by FAO, ILO and IMO and encourages its effective application; it also urges States to become parties to the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977.

¹ The outcome of the ongoing work of IMO, in co-operation with other competent international organizations, on the role of the “genuine link” in relation to the duty of flag States, referred to in paragraph 49 of resolution 60/30, is reported in document C 96/14(a)/1/Add.1.

5 The Secretary-General has no specific proposals for action by the Council in respect of the resolutions listed in this document at this stage. As usual, he will follow further discussions on the resolutions within the appropriate bodies of the United Nations system and in the United Nations Chief Executives Board (CEB). Any conclusions reached, or actions proposed, in connection with any of these, or any other relevant, resolutions, which may be of interest to IMO, will be reported to the Council in an appropriate manner.

Action requested of the Council

6 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and to comment, as it may deem appropriate.
