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## EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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

#### IMO representation at the United Nations

#### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

**Executive summary:** This document seeks the Council's approval for the establishment of a Liaison Office and the appointment of an IMO Special Representative at the United Nations Headquarters, New York

**Action to be taken:** Paragraph 7

**Related documents:** None

#### Background

1 In its capacity as a specialized agency of the United Nations, and pursuant to its relationship Agreement with the United Nations, dated 13 January 1959, IMO is committed to co-operating with the different organs of the United Nations on matters of mutual concern. Recent events, including the trend towards globalization and the international war against terrorism, have given a renewed sense of urgency and importance to the work of the Organization and the Secretary-General has taken the opportunity at recent meetings of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) to brief the Executive Heads on the ongoing work in IMO in relation to these issues. Most recently, UN Secretary-General Annan transmitted to the Security Council the IMO Secretary-General's communication of 28 November 2005 concerning resolution A.979(24) on Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia and, in its Presidential Statement of 15 March 2006, the Security Council acknowledged the work of the Organization.\*

\* See also document C 96/14(a)/1/Add.2

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## **IMO representation at the United Nations**

2 IMO is one of just four specialized agencies<sup>1</sup> with no regular representation at the UN Headquarters in New York. Other specialized agencies with which IMO regularly co-operates, including ILO, FAO, WHO and WMO, do have such representation. Given IMO's extensive mandate on issues of international concern – from promoting maritime safety and security to preventing marine pollution – that are taken up in UN intergovernmental fora and discussed in inter-agency bodies on a regular basis, it may be argued that the absence of such representation in IMO's case has kept the Organization from taking full advantage of the opportunities that a visible and continuing presence makes possible. Such representation would also give the Organization the added advantage of establishing an effective liaison with the funding agencies' offices (World Bank, IMF, UNDP, etc.) situated in New York and Washington.

3 In the light of these considerations, the Secretary-General is considering the establishment of a Liaison Office at UN Headquarters in New York, to be staffed by the former Director of the CEB Secretariat, Mr. Qazi Shaukat Fareed, who relinquished his duties with the CEB on 31 May 2006.

4 With his extensive experience and contacts, both within the UN and with other organizations based in New York, Mr. Fareed, acting as IMO's 'Special Representative to the United Nations', could be of great service to the Organization, representing and promoting its interests in New York and, perhaps most importantly, ensuring that it is kept apprised, in a timely manner, of developments of importance within the UN community. Mr. Fareed has agreed, in principle, to represent IMO at a nominal salary of one US dollar per annum, initially for the period to 31 December 2008. Mr. Fareed's Curriculum Vitae is attached at annex.

## **Resource implications**

5 The establishment of a Liaison Office in New York and the appointment of a Special Representative, even with a nominal remuneration, will invariably involve the Organization in certain expenditure which the Organization will have to meet (but has not budgeted for), mainly that associated with setting up the office (telephone, computer, printer, fax machine, stationery, visiting cards, etc.) and, subsequently, some recurring costs. Secretarial assistance (possibly on a part-time or shared-time basis) and local travel expenses of the Special Representative may also be required, the costs of which will fall to the Organization.

6 At this stage, no quantification of the additional costs has been made, pending approval by the Council and continued negotiation on contractual details. The sum, however, is not expected to exceed US\$20k for the remainder of the 2006-2007 biennium, which can be met within existing budget appropriations.

## **Action requested of the Council**

7 The Council is invited to endorse the proposal for the establishment of a Liaison Office at the UN in New York on the afore-mentioned conditions; and for the appointment of Mr. Fareed as the IMO Special Representative to that Office.

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<sup>1</sup> The others are ICAO, ITU and UPU

**ANNEX****QAZI SHAUKAT FAREED**

Since April 1998, Mr. Qazi Shaukat Fareed has served as the Director of the Secretariat of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB). After obtaining his Masters in Economics from the University of Karachi (1963), he secured a further Masters degree in Economics from Cambridge University in England (1966). The same year he joined the Pakistan Foreign Service and later served in Embassies of Pakistan in Saudi Arabia, Spain, Portugal and Mexico (1968-1975). Returning to Pakistan in 1975, he served as Director for External Publicity in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, then as Director for Africa and later as Chef de Cabinet for the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1980-1985, he served as Pakistan's delegate to the United Nations in New York and from 1985 to 1987, he was Ambassador and the Deputy Permanent Representative of Pakistan at the United Nations.

In 1987, at the invitation of the Director-General of Development and International Cooperation (DIEC), he joined the United Nations to assist in the reform of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council. In 1990, he took up the position of Director of the Office of Director-General (DIEC). From 1992-1998, he served as Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and Deputy to the USG for Humanitarian Affairs where he assisted in the establishment of a new Department at the United Nations responsible for the coordination of humanitarian response to emergencies and disasters. In 1998 he was asked to set-up a new office (now called CEB Secretariat) as an independent entity to serve the Chairman of CEB, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and the organizations of the system, to support their efforts to ensure synergies in their work and to leverage their capacity to enhance the impact of their work.

Mr. Fareed was born in 1943, is married and has two children. He is a national of Pakistan.

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