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## EXTERNAL RELATIONS

### (c) Relations with intergovernmental organizations

#### Note by the Secretary-General

##### SUMMARY

**Executive summary:** This document reports on developments concerning a possible Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA)

**Action to be taken:** Paragraph 3

**Related documents:** None

1 In a communication dated 13 February 2006, the Secretary General of the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA), noting the close and fruitful co-operation between PERSGA and IMO in recent years, invited the Organization to consider granting observer status to PERSGA, with a view to enhancing the complementary objectives of both Organizations of protecting the marine environment by all available means, including the improvement of navigational safety in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Eden.

2 The proposed Agreement, as drafted by the Secretariats of IMO and PERSGA and attached at annex, is submitted for consideration by the Council, in accordance with Article 25 of the IMO Convention. The draft follows the pattern of similar agreements previously concluded between the Organization and interested entities.

#### Action requested of the Council

3 The Council is invited to decide on the proposed Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and PERSGA.

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## ANNEX

**DRAFT TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) AND  
THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE  
ENVIRONMENT OF THE RED SEA AND GULF OF ADEN (PERSGA)**

1 The International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as “IMO”) and the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (hereinafter referred to as “PERSGA”) will consult each other on matters of common interest to the two Organizations with a view to ensuring maximum co-ordination of the work and activities of the respective Organizations in respect of such matters.

2 Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, the Secretary-General of IMO and the Secretary General of PERSGA will exchange information and keep each other fully informed of projected activities and programmes of work in fields of common interest. Accordingly, when either Organization proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other has or may have a substantial interest, consultation will be initiated between the Organizations with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account their respective responsibilities and any decisions or wishes of the appropriate governing bodies of the respective Organizations.

3 The Secretary-General of IMO will invite the Secretary General of PERSGA to send representatives to observe meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of IMO to consider matters in which PERSGA has an interest, in accordance with procedures applicable to each meeting or conference. The Secretary General of PERSGA will invite the Secretary-General of IMO to send observers to meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of PERSGA to consider matters in which IMO has an interest, in accordance with the procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.

4 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Secretary General of PERSGA may consult, where appropriate, on the use of personnel, material, services, equipment and facilities for joint undertakings which may be agreed between them in fields of common interest to IMO and PERSGA.

5 IMO will, at the request of PERSGA, render assistance to PERSGA with respect to matters within the scope of activities of PERSGA; and PERSGA will, at the request of IMO, render assistance to IMO in matters falling within the scope of IMO’s activities. Where assistance which is required by either party under the terms of this Agreement involves substantial expenditure, consultation will take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner for meeting such expenditure.

6 It is further agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall bind any of the Member States of PERSGA jointly or severally. Similarly, the Agreement shall not bind any of the Member States of IMO jointly or severally.

7 This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Secretary-General of IMO and the Secretary General of PERSGA.

8 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Secretary General of PERSGA may terminate this Agreement by giving six months written notice to the other party.

9 This Agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Assembly of IMO and PERSGA.

Agreed for PERSGA by:

Agreed for IMO by:

Z.H. ABU GHARARAH  
Secretary General

E.E. MITROPOULOS  
Secretary-General

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