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## EXTERNAL RELATIONS

### (c) Relations with intergovernmental organizations

#### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

**Executive summary:** This document reports on progress made with respect to the completion of formal procedures regarding recently approved Agreements of Co-operation between IMO and intergovernmental organizations

**Action to be taken:** Paragraph 7

**Related documents:** A 24/21(c), A 24/21(c)/Add.1 and A 24/21(c)/Add.2

#### General introduction

1 At its twenty-fourth regular session, the Assembly approved Agreements of Co-operation on:

- (a) Port State Control, between IMO and:
- .1 the Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Tokyo MoU);
  - .2 the Mediterranean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Med MoU);
  - .3 the Acuerdo de Viña del Mar;
  - .4 the Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (IOMoU);
  - .5 the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region (BS MoU);

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- .6 the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Paris MoU);
  - .7 the West and Central Africa Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Abuja MoU); and
  - .8 the Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (CMoU); and
- (b) other bilateral matters, between IMO and:
- .1 the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP);
  - .2 the International Criminal Police Organization – Interpol;
  - .3 the International Oil Pollution Compensation Supplementary Fund (IOPCSF); and
  - .4 the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO).

#### **Agreement of Co-operation on PSC and other bilateral matters**

2 The above-listed Agreements of Co-operation were subsequently signed, on behalf of the Organization, by the Secretary-General on 16 December 2005 and were thereafter transmitted to the intergovernmental organizations concerned for countersignature by their respective Heads.

3 The Secretariat has since received back the following 11 Agreements of Co-operation, duly countersigned on the following dates:

- Tokyo MoU, 27 December 2005;
- Med MoU, 29 December 2005;
- SACEP, 30 December 2005;
- Acuerdo de Viña del Mar, 2 January 2006;
- IOMoU, 5 January 2006;
- Interpol, 6 January 2006;
- IOPCSF, 10 January 2006;
- CTO, 16 January 2006;
- BS MoU, 23 January 2006;
- Paris MoU, 8 February 2006; and
- Abuja MoU, 16 February 2006.

This marks the completion of the formal procedures for these Agreements of Co-operation.

4 The Council will be informed once the formal procedure is completed with regard to the Agreement of Co-operation with CMoU.

5 The Council may recall that, following the change in status of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to the African Union (AU), it decided, at its twenty-third extraordinary session in November 2005, to consider a proposed Agreement of Co-operation with the AU whenever that Agreement might be submitted to it for approval.

6 In light of the advice received from the AU Secretariat to the effect that the AU has inherited all the privileges and responsibilities formerly undertaken by the OAU, the IMO Secretariat has forwarded to the AU Secretariat a revised Agreement of Co-operation, which takes into account the expanded mandate of the new Organization. The Council will be informed of any developments concerning AU's response to the revised agreement.

**Action requested of the Council**

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

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