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Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on the follow-up to information provided in connection with the Prize for 2004; the nomination of candidates for 2005; and on arrangements for 2006

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related documents: Circular letters Nos.2617 and 2648

The Prize for 2004

1 At its ninety-fourth session (June 2005), the Council decided to award the International Maritime Prize for 2004 to Mr. Luis Martínez Wolf of Mexico. The Council also recorded its appreciation of the three other candidates, namely, Mr. Ahmad Donyamali, who was nominated by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Mr. Simon Rickaby (United Kingdom) and Mr. Alan Taylor (Australia), who were both nominated by the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST). Mr. Martínez was awarded the Prize for 2004 at a special ceremony held at IMO Headquarters on 17 November 2005, during the twenty-third extraordinary session of the IMO Council.

The Prize for 2005

2 In accordance with the arrangements previously approved by the Council, the Secretary-General issued circular letter No.2617 of 25 January 2005 inviting nominations for the award of the Prize for 2005. Subsequently, following a decision by the Council, at its ninety-fourth session, to amend the rules governing the nomination of candidates for the Prize, the Secretary-General issued circular letter No.2648 of 7 July 2005, which informed sponsoring Governments, organizations, agencies and other nominating agencies concerned that they should henceforth nominate only one candidate for the Prize. They were also requested to submit their nominations to reach the Organization not later than 15 January 2006.

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3 In response to this invitation, the Secretary-General has received the following two nominations:

- (a) From the Government of the United Kingdom:
Person nominated: MR. THOMAS (TOM) ALLAN; and
- (b) From the Government of Venezuela:
Person nominated: DR. FREDDY BELISARIO CAPELLA.

4 The letters of nomination, together with the particulars provided in respect of each of the candidates nominated, are reproduced in annexes 1 and 2 to this document respectively.

The Prize for 2006

5 In due course, the Secretary-General will issue a circular letter inviting nominations for the award of the Prize for 2006. Once received, the nominations will be submitted to the Council for consideration and decision at its ninety-eighth session in June 2007.

Action requested of the Council

- 6 The Council is invited to:
- (a) consider the nominations for, and decide on, the International Maritime Prize for 2005; and
 - (b) note the arrangements to be made in respect of the Prize for 2006.

ANNEX 1



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Dear Secretary-General

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PRIZE: NOMINATION OF THOMAS ALLAN

IMO Circular Letter No. 2617 dated 25 January 2005 invites nominations for the International Maritime Prize for 2005.

On the occasion of World Maritime Day, it gives me great pleasure to submit, on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the candidature of Thomas (Tom) Allan for the International Maritime Prize 2005.

Tom began his long and distinguished career in the maritime industry when he graduated from Strathclyde University as a naval architect. When he joined the Department for Transport in 1971 he brought with him all the skills and professionalism he had built up in the industry and was able to move seamlessly into his new role. He graduated quickly from the national to the global arena where he has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to promote and enhance maritime safety, the protection of the marine environment and maritime security within the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

In 1998, he was appointed by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs as the United Kingdom's first Permanent Representative to the IMO and, in 1999, he was unanimously elected chairman of the IMO's senior technical body, the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC).

Tom is a strong advocate of the international character of the Organization and he has used his diplomatic skills, experience and professionalism in his dealings with it, both as a delegate and a respected Chairman, to avoid national and regional rivalries and to encourage co-operation and consensus between more than 160 nations. Those skills have led to the adoption of vital new international safety, environmental protection and security measures.



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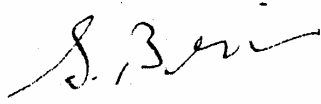


At the same time Tom has been driving forward proposals to improve and modernise the IMO HQ building which will help complement the Secretary General's own Programme for Change initiative.

I would also like to add my own personal thanks for all Tom's hard work. I have welcomed his dynamism, his enthusiasm and his humour.

Overall, I believe that Tom has made a significant contribution to the work of the Organization and played an instrumental role in the achievement of its objectives. It is against that background that I have no hesitation in enclosing a summary of Mr Thomas Allan's curriculum vitae for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Captain Stephen Bligh
Chief Executive



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Summary of the Curriculum Vitae of Mr Thomas (Tom) Allan
UK Permanent Representative to IMO
UK Department for Transport/Maritime & Coastguard Agency

Tom Allan was born in Belfast in Northern Ireland, only a five minute journey from the Harland and Wolff shipyard. He was perhaps drawn inevitably towards the shipping industry but it was a choice that he never regretted and a career that continues to excite and inspire him. Following his graduation from Strathclyde University as a naval architect, Tom's early career was in the UK shipbuilding industry. He joined the Department for Transport in 1971 as a surveyor of ships. He brought with him a wealth of experience which he was able to build upon and which proved invaluable in his later career.

His skill and professionalism as a naval architect meant that he was a natural choice for the Department's maritime section and its work both at the national level and internationally at the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

In 1982 Tom was appointed a principal ship surveyor in the passenger ship section of the Department for Transport and in 1987 he was appointed Chief Ship Surveyor.

In 1994 he played a leading and influential role as a member of the IMO's Panel of Experts, which was established to review the safety of passenger ferries after the *Estonia* disaster. He used his influence as a Panel Member to help secure substantial improvements in the safety of passenger ferries. It was on the basis of this work that the IMO subsequently agreed improved stability standards for this type of ship. Serving on the Panel gave him an insight into the need for a careful balance between international agreements and regulations and regional interpretations. It also honed his skills as a chairman proving his ability to reconcile often conflicting views.

Following a high level decision in 1998 Tom Allan was appointed by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs as the United Kingdom's first Permanent Representative to the IMO. Throughout the term of his appointment he has acted to improve the coherence and co-ordination of the UK voice at the IMO, which has been acknowledged by many as impressive. He was able to extend this role to assist in the positive relations between the IMO and the host Government on, for example, the issue of privileges and immunities and the planned refurbishment of the Organization's Headquarters at 4, Albert Embankment, London.

In 1995, he was elected as the chairman of the Organization's technical Sub-Committee on Stability, Load Lines and Fishing Vessel Safety (SLF). During his chairmanship over the next 4 years, the SLF Sub-Committee addressed and completed many important issues, not least of which were the initiation of the revision of the technical requirements of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol, the consolidation of the harmonization of damage stability requirements in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and the groundwork preparation for the revision of the Fishing Vessel Safety Code and Guidelines.

In 1999 Tom was unanimously elected chair of the IMO's senior technical body, the Maritime Safety Committee, a position he will hold until the end of 2005. It is in this

most recent role for which his expertise and diplomatic skills were most required and for which he will be best remembered.

As chairman his negotiating skills and his ability to inspire co-operation and consensus between more than 160 nations have led to the adoption of, *inter alia*, new safety standards for ships that carry dry cargoes in bulk, on which hundreds of seafarers lost their lives in the 1980s and early 1990s, and the fast track introduction of a new global maritime security regime in response to the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001 – SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the International Ship and Port Facility (ISPS) Code.

His relationship-building skills have been instrumental in helping the Organization to secure agreement on the introduction of a Voluntary Member State Audit Scheme, which will encourage the further strengthening of the responsibilities of flag, port and coastal States.

Tom has also used his diplomatic skills effectively to avoid national and regional rivalries and to maintain the balance between different sectors and different geographical interests. He recognises that these are prerequisites if the Organization is to make progress. He has been a staunch supporter of the primacy of IMO and has worked hard to ensure that its authority and credibility are enhanced.

The Organization itself has recently embarked on a series of reforms in a number of major areas and this process is set to continue. To complement the Secretary General's reforms, especially within his Programme for Change, Tom has provided an enthusiastic driving force behind proposals to improve and modernise the Organization's headquarters building to ensure that it is fit for the purpose of housing such a prestigious body. Although not finalised, Tom has been energetic within the UK Government and the IMO to ensure that the groundwork is in place to allow the final decisions to be made.

ANNEX 2

Translation

Note from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to IMO, dated 6 January 2006

Ref: 002/06

The Office of the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to IMO presents its compliments to the Organization and takes this opportunity to forward the nomination of Dr. Freddy Belisario Capella for the 2005 International Maritime Prize, in accordance with Circular letter No.2617 of 25 January 2005.

Please find attached the candidate's curriculum vitae, together with the justification for his nomination by the Maritime Authority of Venezuela.

The Office of the Permanent Representative of Venezuela takes this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organization the assurance of its highest esteem.

(Signed) Capt. Guillermo E. Rangel Jalley
Permanent Representative

Letter from the President of the National Institute for Aquatic and Island Spaces (INEA), Venezuela, addressed to the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to IMO, dated 26 December 2005

Ref: INEA/P/No.1947

The President of INEA presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to IMO, and takes this opportunity to propose the candidacy of Dr. Freddy Belisario Capella, a Venezuelan citizen (passport No.2.153.330) and member of the Higher Maritime Court, for the 2005 International Maritime Prize, in accordance with IMO Circular letter No.2617 of 25 January 2005. The justification for his candidacy is provided in the attached annex.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Vice-Admiral Eberts Camacho Liendo
President

Annex 3

NOMINATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PRIZE, 2005

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela hereby nominates Dr. Freddy Belisario Capella, judge at the Higher Maritime Court of Venezuela,

for the International Maritime Prize, 2005.

The following statement is made in support of his candidacy:

- Dr. Belisario has been engaged in maritime affairs for 40 years, occupying important posts such as:
- Executive Secretary of the National Waterways Institute of the Venezuelan Shipping Company;
- Ex-president of the Venezuelan Maritime Law Association (founder of the new national regulatory system for maritime affairs);
- Lecturer in maritime law, international American law and the laws of shipping and external trade;
- Currently a judge at the Higher Maritime Court, member of the International Maritime Committee, Antwerp (Belgium) and President of the Latin American Maritime Law Institute.

On behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

(Signed) Eberts Camacho Liendo
President, INEA

Date: 23 December 2005
(Official seal of INEA)

CURRICULUM VITAE

FREDDY BELISARIO CAPELLA

Caracas, May 2005

1 Personal information

Name: Freddy Belisario Capella
Date of birth: 27 March 1942
Place of birth: Chile (Bolivar State)
Nationality: Venezuelan
Marital status: Married
Identity card No. V-2.153.330
Passport No. V-2.153.330
Address: Quinta "Coquito", Calle San Juan,
Sorocaima, La Trinidad, Baruta,
Estado Miranda, Venezuela

E-mail: Belisario02@cantv.net
Tel: 943.50.64; (0414)301.6503; 993.05.25; 953.82.09

2 Education

Primary: Escuela Privada "San Tomé"
San Tomé, Anzoátegui State (1956)

Secondary: Liceo Luis Espelosin, Caracas,
Liceo de Aplicación, Caracas,
Baccalaureate in Humanities (1962)

Higher: Venezuelan Central University (UCV)
Faculty of Law and Politics
Graduated in law, 18 October 1967

Postgraduate: Tulane University, New Orleans,
Louisiana, Tulane Law School,
Master of Laws in Admiralty (1982)

3 Courses

Maritime Law; School of Higher Education, Merchant Marine; Initial course in maritime law (1979)

Law for the protection of public property; UCV

4 Employment

Legal adviser, Ministry of Transport and Communications (1972)

Assistant lecturer in military law, Naval Command, Ministry of Defence (1970 to 1977)

Military prosecutor, State Prosecutor's Office (Alternate)

Executive secretary of the National Waterways Institute and its management board (1978)

Executive secretary of the Venezuelan Shipping Company and its management board (1978)

Advisor to the presidency of the Venezuelan Shipping Company (1978)

Head of insurance and claims, Venezuelan Shipping Company (1984 to 1987)

Representative of the Venezuelan Shipping Company in the Gulf of Mexico, Houston (Texas) (1987 to 1989)

General representative of the Venezuelan Shipping Company in New York and Canada (1989)

Co-ordinator of North Atlantic region (Venezuelan Shipping Company), New Jersey, USA

Head, Departments of Industrial Relations, Public Relations and Legal Consultancy, Venezuelan Shipping Company

Representative of the Venezuelan Shipping Company to the Caribbean Multinational Maritime Transportation Company (NAMUCAR), Mexico

Honorary advisor to the Latin American Maritime Transport Commission (COLTRAM) (1990)

Honorary ambassador of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, to the City of Caracas

Member of the academic board for the specialized course on shipping law and maritime trade, Postgraduate Centre, Faculty of Law and Politics, UCV

Head of Legal Department, School of International Studies, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, UCV

Head of International Public Law, School of International Studies, Faculty of Law and Politics, UCV

Member, Committee on Assessment and Competitive Examination for Entry to and Service in the Judiciary; the Executive Board of the Magistracy; the Supreme Court of Justice

Co-author of Venezuela's maritime laws; member of the commerce committee in the elaboration of guidelines on national maritime policy

Senior maritime judge with national jurisdiction

5 Teaching experience

Lecturer in laws and regulations, Venezuelan Naval Academy, Venezuelan Navy (1970)

Lecturer in maritime law, School of Higher Education, National Merchant Marine

Representative of the School of Higher Education, National Merchant Marine, to higher education institutions in the United States, in accordance with the Academic Board resolution of 4 January 1988

Lecturer in maritime law, School of International Studies, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, UCV

Lecturer in international and American law, School of International Studies, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, UCV

Lecturer in shipping law and external trade, Postgraduate Study Centre, Faculty of Law and Politics, UCV

Lecturer in air transport law, Postgraduate Study Centre, Faculty of Law and Politics, UCV
Associate lecturer, Maritime University of the Caribbean

6 Languages

Spanish and English.

7 Publications and other documents

“Derecho Internacional Americano”, Arauco Ediciones, C.A. Caracas, Venezuela, 2004

“Antología Poética”, Arauco Ediciones, C.A. Caracas, Venezuela, 2003

“Comentarios sobre la Ley de Reforma Parcial de la Ley de Protección y Desarrollo de la Marina Mercante Nacional”, DOCTUM (Venezuelan maritime review of research and postgraduate studies), School of Higher Education for the Merchant Marine, vol. No.2, No.1, November 1998 - February 1999, Caracas, Venezuela, p.9

“El Derecho Marítimo en la Actividad Consular”. DOCTUM, School of Higher Education for the Merchant Marine, vol. No.3, November 1999 - April 2000, Caracas, Venezuela, p.161

“El Remolque”. DOCTUM, National Maritime Research University of the Caribbean, vol. 4, No.1, 2001, p.93

“La Arribada Forzoso”. DOCTUM, National Maritime Research University of the Caribbean , vol. 3, No.2, Caracas, Venezuela, 2001, p.113

“Las Concesiones, Habilitaciones y Autorizaciones Portuaria”. DOCTUM, Maritime University of the Caribbean, vol. 4, 2002, p.131

“El Asilo Marítimo”. DOCTUM, Maritime University of the Caribbean, vol. 6, No.1, January - December 2003

“El Flete Muerto o Falso Flete”, Book in honour of Luís Cova Arria, School of Higher Education for the Merchant Marine, Caracas, 1999, p.37

“National and International Regulations for the Safety of Navigation”, First seminar on the safety of navigable waterways, National Waterways Institute, Caracas, Venezuela, 4 and 5 August 1993

“Maritime Rescue”, 3rd congress on maritime law, Venezuelan Maritime Law Association, Talleres tipográficos de Miguel Ángel García e Hijo, S.R.L., Caracas, Venezuela, 2004, p.393

“Innocent or Harmless Passage”, Venezuelan Review of International Studies, FACES – UCV, No.5, November 2003, Caracas, Venezuela, p.131

“Navigation Risks”, sent for print to Anauco, C.A.

8 Membership of associations

Federal District College of Lawyers, Caracas, Membership No.3397/415, 19 December 1967

Social Security Institute for Lawyers, No.3726

Venezuelan Society for Aeronautical and Space Law (Founding Member)

Societas Petitorum Magistrorum, Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Member, Venezuelan Maritime Law Association (former President)

Member, International Maritime Committee, Antwerp (Belgium)

Member, South American Institute of Maritime Law, current president (2004-2006)

Board member, School of International Studies, UCV

9 Decorations

Merchant Marine Ribbon, 1st and 2nd class

Naval Order of Merit, 3rd class

Air Force Cross, 2nd class

Armed Forces Cross for Co-operation, 2nd class

Order of Merit for Labour, 3rd class

Order of Francisco de Miranda, 3rd class

10 Conferences, seminars and competitions

First International Conference on Maritime Law, Puerto La Cruz, Anzoátegui State (speaker)

Second International Conference on Maritime Law, Caracas (speaker)

First “Maritime Law Days”, Rafael Urdaneta University, Zulia State (contributor)

First “Maritime Law Days”, Santa María University (contributor)

Introductory course on maritime law, University of Zulia, Maracaibo (speaker)

First poetry competition at the School of International Studies, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, UCV (jury member)

International seminar on maritime law, sponsored by PDV MARINA, S.A. 1992 (participant)

Second “Research Days”, School of International Studies, UCV, 1998 (speaker)

Biennial seminar: International Maritime Committee, 1999 (participant)

Forum: “Impact of Oil Spills on Aquatic Spaces: **Nissos Amorgos**, an experiment” (participant), Military Circle, Caracas 2001

“Current status of reform in maritime legislation”, Lawyers Colleges of Carabobo State (moderator), 2001

Second “Maritime Law Days”, Fermín Toro University, Lara State, 2002

Exchange of ideas on maritime legislation in the Republic of Venezuela, Secretariat of the General Assembly (participant), 2004

Eighth South American Congress on Maritime Law, on “Maritime risks, assistance and salvage” (San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina), 2003

Ninth South American Congress on Maritime Law, on “Legal aspects of maritime safety and accidents to shipping and offshore platforms”; participated as President of the South American Maritime Law Institute, Panama, 2004

Second International Seminar on Maritime Law, Colombian Association for Maritime Law and Studies (participant), Cartagena, 2003

Winner of competitive examination on the theme “International Public Law – American Law” School of International Studies, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, UCV, 2003

11 Other activities

Member of the board of examiners for degree work at UCV, the Maritime University of the Caribbean and the Naval Academy

Tutor for degree theses

Member of the “*Ad Hoc* Commission to examine Decision 487”, concerning maritime guarantees (maritime liens and mortgages), Andean Committee of Maritime Transport Authorities (CAATA)

Press articles

Service award from the LXVIII graduation class “Dr. Carlos Guerón”, School of International Studies, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, UCV
