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REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on the status of the membership of the Organization (including the status of application for membership of the Cook Islands) and the 1991 amendments to the IMO Convention, as at 24 March 2006

Action to be taken: Paragraph 8

Related documents: None

Membership of the Organization

1 Since the twenty-third extraordinary session of the Council and the twenty-fourth regular session of the Assembly, held in November and December 2005, there has been no change in the membership of the Organization, which continues to stand at 166. There has also been no change in the number of Associate Members, which remains at three.

Application for membership of the Organization by the Government of the Cook Islands

2 The Council will recall that, at its twentieth extraordinary session, in November 1999, it recommended endorsement of the application of the Cook Islands to become a Member of the Organization.

3 Since this matter was last reported to the Council, at its twenty-third extraordinary session, and to the Assembly, at its twenty-fourth regular session, there have been four further approvals of the application, from the Governments of Austria, Kazakhstan, Kenya and Portugal. The total number of approvals received, therefore, now stands at 65 (see annex 1). A further 46 approvals are, therefore, still needed in order to meet the requirements of Article 7 of the IMO Convention (i.e., two-thirds of the membership of the Organization, i.e., 111 Member States).

4 Any further developments concerning the application for membership of the Cook Islands will be reported to the Council either in an addendum to this document, or orally during the session.

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Amendments to the IMO Convention adopted in 1991

5 In view of the importance of the entry into force of the 1991 amendments to the IMO Convention, which will institutionalize the Facilitation Committee, the Council, the Assembly, and the Secretary-General have taken a series of measures urging Member Governments, which have not already done so, to accept the amendments as soon as possible with a view to achieving the requisite acceptance by two-thirds of the membership of the Organization.

6 Since this matter was last reported to the Council, the Secretary-General, as an additional means of encouraging Member Governments to accept the amendments, wrote, once again, to all Member Governments which have yet to accept the amendments, inviting them to give urgent consideration to their acceptance, (the implementation of which would have no direct financial implications) and pointing out that the institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee would bring significant benefits both to maritime safety and security and also to the facilitation of international maritime traffic.

7 As a result of this and previous initiatives, the total number of acceptances of the 1991 amendments to the IMO Convention has risen to 97 (as shown, in chronological order, at annex 2); however, a further 14 acceptances are still needed to make up the total of 111 required in order to enable the amendments to enter into force twelve months later, in accordance with the provisions of Article 66 of the IMO Convention.

Action requested of the Council

8 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and its annexes, and to comment or decide as appropriate.

ANNEX 1

**MEMBERS HAVING APPROVED THE APPLICATION BY THE COOK ISLANDS
FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION**

(As at 24 March 2006)

| Members | Date of receipt | Position indicated |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| NORWAY | February 2000 | Approved |
| BELIZE | February 2000 | Approved |
| SIERRA LEONE | March 2000 | Approved |
| PHILIPPINES | March 2000 | Approved |
| SAMOA | March 2000 | Approved |
| HONDURAS | March 2000 | Approved |
| SEYCHELLES | March 2000 | Approved |
| GREECE | March 2000 | Approved |
| LITHUANIA | March 2000 | Approved |
| DENMARK | March 2000 | Approved |
| ROMANIA | March 2000 | Approved |
| GUATEMALA | March 2000 | Approved |
| SWITZERLAND | March 2000 | Approved |
| CHILE | April 2000 | Approved |
| JORDAN | April 2000 | Approved |
| PERU | May 2000 | Approved |
| CYPRUS | May 2000 | Approved |
| IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF | May 2000 | Approved |
| PARAGUAY | May 2000 | Approved |
| GERMANY | May 2000 | Approved |
| THAILAND | June 2000 | Approved |
| ETHIOPIA | June 2000 | Approved |
| NEW ZEALAND | July 2000 | Approved |
| VANUATU | October 2000 | Approved |
| AUSTRALIA | November 2001 | Approved |
| TONGA | November 2001 | Approved |
| MALTA | December 2001 | Approved |
| JAMAICA | January 2002 | Approved |
| CANADA | May 2002 | Approved |
| CHINA | June 2002 | Approved |
| MAURITIUS | July 2002 | Approved |
| SINGAPORE | September 2002 | Approved |
| MYANMAR | December 2002 | Approved |
| ERITREA | November 2003 | Approved |
| POLAND | December 2003 | Approved |
| NETHERLANDS | February 2004 | Approved |
| TUNISIA | April 2004 | Approved |
| QATAR | April 2004 | Approved |
| ECUADOR | April 2004 | Approved |
| FRANCE | May 2004 | Approved |

| Members | Date of receipt | Position indicated |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| SRI LANKA | May 2004 | Approved |
| ICELAND | May 2004 | Approved |
| KIRIBATI | May 2004 | Approved |
| SWEDEN | May 2004 | Approved |
| SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES | May 2004 | Approved |
| MEXICO | June 2004 | Approved |
| MALAYSIA | June 2004 | Approved |
| SENEGAL | June 2004 | Approved |
| HAITI | July 2004 | Approved |
| EGYPT | July 2004 | Approved |
| NIGERIA | August 2004 | Approved |
| GUYANA | September 2004 | Approved |
| ITALY | September 2004 | Approved |
| INDIA | October 2004 | Approved |
| BRAZIL | November 2004 | Approved |
| SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO | December 2004 | Approved |
| MONACO | May 2005 | Approved |
| BARBADOS | October 2005 | Approved |
| ESTONIA | October 2005 | Approved |
| BAHAMAS | November 2005 | Approved |
| PAKISTAN | November 2005 | Approved |
| KAZAKHSTAN | November 2005 | Approved |
| KENYA | November 2005 | Approved |
| PORTUGAL | November 2005 | Approved |
| AUSTRIA | January 2006 | Approved |

ANNEX 2

MEMBERS HAVING ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENTS TO THE IMO CONVENTION
ADOPTED IN NOVEMBER 1991 (RESOLUTION A.724(17))

(As at 24 March 2006)

| Members | Date of receipt by IMO | Date of deposit with UN |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| SEYCHELLES | 26 June 1992 | 14 July 1992 |
| ESTONIA | 18 August 1992 | 26 August 1992 |
| NORWAY | 25 August 1992 | 10 September 1992 |
| CANADA | 14 June 1993 | 24 June 1993 |
| RUSSIAN FEDERATION | 4 August 1993 | 23 August 1993 |
| SPAIN | 28 September 1993 | 6 October 1993 |
| NETHERLANDS ¹ | 30 November 1993 | 6 December 1993 |
| CUBA | 16 December 1993 | 22 December 1993 |
| DENMARK | 22 December 1993 | 6 January 1994 |
| FINLAND | - | 26 January 1994 |
| CAMEROON | 10 March 1994 | 17 March 1994 |
| BELGIUM | 29 March 1994 | 5 April 1994 |
| THAILAND | 12 April 1994 | 19 April 1994 |
| SINGAPORE | 18 May 1994 | 25 May 1994 |
| AUSTRALIA | - | 1 July 1994 |
| EGYPT | - | 12 July 1994 |
| SWEDEN | 25 August 1994 | 1 September 1994 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | 8 September 1994 | 14 September 1994 |
| CHINA | 19 October 1994 | 27 October 1994 |
| GREECE | 23 November 1994 | 2 December 1994 |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | 9 December 1994 | 22 December 1994 |
| SLOVAKIA | 2 June 1995 | 12 June 1995 |
| MOROCCO | 12 June 1995 | 16 June 1995 |
| INDIA | 18 October 1995 | 31 October 1995 |
| TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO | 31 October 1995 | 10 November 1995 |
| BRAZIL | 8 November 1995 | 16 November 1995 |
| CHILE | 10 November 1995 | 20 November 1995 |
| PERU | - | 7 May 1996 |
| INDONESIA | 9 May 1996 | 21 May 1996 |
| FRANCE | 20 May 1996 | 28 May 1996 |
| CYPRUS | 20 June 1996 | 24 June 1996 |
| BULGARIA | 16 January 1997 | 29 January 1997 |
| MALTA | 31 December 1997 | 16 January 1998 |
| URUGUAY | 19 January 1998 | 30 January 1998 |
| SLOVENIA | 10 February 1998 | 10 March 1998 |
| ICELAND | 11 February 1998 | 17 February 1998 |
| BAHAMAS | 22 April 1998 | 7 May 1998 |

¹ The Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

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|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| BARBADOS | 30 June 1998 | 1 July 1998 |
| MEXICO | - | 1 September 1998 |
| MARSHALL ISLANDS | 7 September 1998 | 7 September 1998 |
| UNITED STATES | 13 October 1998 | 14 October 1998 |
| BRUNEI DARUSSALAM | 22 December 1998 | 23 December 1998 |
| TUNISIA | 13 January 1999 | 15 January 1999 |
| VANUATU | 18 February 1999 | 18 February 1999 |
| PANAMA | 18 March 1999 | 19 March 1999 |
| ITALY | 18 February 2000 | 18 February 2000 |
| ALGERIA | 7 June 2000 | 8 June 2000 |
| LATVIA | 14 June 2000 | 16 June 2000 |
| LUXEMBOURG | 22 September 2000 | 22 September 2000 |
| NEW ZEALAND | 6 October 2000 | 9 October 2000 |
| NAMIBIA | 27 November 2000 | 27 November 2000 |
| SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO | - | 11 December 2000 |
| SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC | 14 February 2001 | 15 February 2001 |
| SIERRA LEONE | 26 July 2001 | 27 July 2001 |
| COMOROS | - | 3 August 2001 |
| GUATEMALA | - | 8 August 2001 |
| SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS | - | 8 October 2001 |
| ERITREA | 22 October 2001 | 23 October 2001 |
| ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA | 25 February 2002 | 28 February 2002 |
| POLAND | 4 March 2002 | 5 March 2002 |
| SAN MARINO | - | 12 March 2002 |
| PAKISTAN | 27 March 2002 | 5 April 2002 |
| CONGO | 28 May 2002 | 31 May 2002 |
| GABON | 31 May 2002 | 10 June 2002 |
| TOGO | 6 June 2002 | 11 June 2002 |
| SAMOA | 11 June 2002 | 18 June 2002 |
| LIBERIA | 7 August 2002 | 9 August 2002 |
| SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES | 7 August 2002 | 9 August 2002 |
| DJIBOUTI | 9 August 2002 | 13 August 2002 |
| HONDURAS | 29 August 2002 | 30 August 2002 |
| UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA | 3 September 2002 | 6 September 2002 |
| ROMANIA | 4 September 2002 | 6 September 2002 |
| MONACO | 12 November 2002 | 13 November 2002 |
| TONGA | 27 November 2002 | 4 December 2002 |
| DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA | 12 December 2002 | 12 December 2002 |
| GAMBIA | 8 January 2003 | 10 January 2003 |
| IRELAND | 24 September 2003 | 25 September 2003 |
| KIRIBATI | 24 October 2003 | 28 October 2003 |
| GHANA | 21 November 2003 | 21 November 2003 |

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|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MAURITIUS | 12 March 2004 | 16 March 2004 |
| VENEZUELA | 28 April 2004 | 29 April 2004 |
| HUNGARY | 6 July 2004 | 8 July 2004 |
| PORTUGAL | 25 June 2004 | 12 July 2004 |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | - | 12 August 2004 |
| MALAYSIA | 9 November 2004 | 10 November 2004 |
| LITHUANIA | 12 November 2004 | 16 November 2004 |
| CÔTE D'IVOIRE | 14 December 2004 | 16 December 2004 |
| FIJI | 1 March 2005 | 3 March 2005 |
| MALDIVES | 20 May 2005 | 23 May 2005 |
| SENEGAL | 16 June 2005 | 20 June 2005 |
| JORDAN | 21 June 2005 | 22 June 2005 |
| ALBANIA | 30 June 2005 | 1 July 2005 |
| JAMAICA | 17 August 2005 | 18 August 2005 |
| SAINT LUCIA | - | 30 August 2005 |
| ECUADOR | 2 September 2005 | 5 September 2005 |
| SAUDI ARABIA | 23 September 2005 | 26 September 2005 |
| BELIZE | 19 January 2006 | 20 January 2006 |
