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IMO Publishing Board

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on the setting up of the IMO Publishing Board
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related documents:</i>	None

1 As part of a general strategy to strengthen the Organization's forward planning, the Secretary-General has established an IMO Publishing Board. The Board, which was set up in December 2005, comprises representatives of technical Divisions and the Publishing Service and has the following main objectives:

- to enhance medium- to long-term publications planning;
- to provide early advice to the Publishing Service on forthcoming, new and obsolete titles;
- to keep the publications list under constant review, ensuring a tighter focus on high-priority items; and
- to provide a focal point for technical and other queries related to the preparation of publications.

2 The creation of the Board will assist in the development of effective publishing policies and will improve the flow of information feeding into the publishing process from the technical Divisions. It will also improve forecasting of revenues and expenditures, which will, in turn, create a more stable and predictable context for the funding of the Organization's technical co-operation work through the surplus of the Printing Fund.

3 The membership of the Board is drawn from the Divisions of the Organization that generate material suitable for publication (mainly MSD, MED and LED), with each Division being represented by one or more officers with appropriate knowledge. The Board works informally and discussions have already taken place to determine, for example, which major Codes are scheduled for updating during 2006 and which titles have been superseded by newer instruments.

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Action requested of the Council

- 4 The Council is invited to take note of the information given above.
