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## VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME

### Outcome of the 24th regular session of the Assembly

#### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

- Executive summary:** This document reports on the decisions of the twenty-fourth regular session of the Assembly with respect to the Audit Scheme
- Action to be taken:** Paragraph 6
- Related documents:** A 24/5(b)/2 and resolution A.975(24)

1 The twenty-fourth session of the Assembly was held from 21 November to 2 December 2005 and its decisions on the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

2 The Assembly, having considered the outcome of the consideration of the matter by the respective Committees (i.e. MSC, MEPC and TCC) and the Council, adopted (A 24/5(b)/2, paragraphs 100 to 105):

- .1 resolution A.973(24) on the Code for the Implementation of Mandatory IMO instruments;
- .2 resolution A.974(24) on the Framework and Procedures for the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme; and
- .3 resolution A.975(24) on Future Development of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

3 In particular, the Council may wish to consider the request contained in the operative paragraphs of resolution A.975(24) on Future Development of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme, which are reproduced below:

“THE ASSEMBLY,

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1. REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee to review the future feasibility of including, within the scope of the Audit Scheme, security-related and other functions not presently covered, to identify any implications of broadening the scope of the Audit Scheme in this way and to report to the Council, as appropriate;

2. REQUESTS the Council to develop suitable provisions for the possible future inclusion of other safety-, environmental protection- and security-related issues in the Audit Scheme, taking into account the experience gained from the implementation of the Scheme and of any salient safety-, environmental protection- and security-related issues identified by the Committees;

3. INVITES the Council, at an appropriate time, to consider whether and how to incorporate such matters in the Scheme.”

4 During the course of its consideration of resolution A.975(24), the Assembly noted the concern expressed over the possibility that the Council may develop suitable provisions for the future extension of the Audit Scheme, as foreseen in operative paragraph 2 of the resolution, and that, subsequently, it might, in accordance with operative paragraph 3 of the resolution, decide not to proceed with such extension.

5 With this in view, the Council may wish to request the MSC and MEPC to provide progress reports on their consideration of operative paragraph 1 to the 98<sup>th</sup> session of the Council, which would inform any future discussion by the Council in respect of operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of resolution A.975(24).

#### **Action requested of the Council**

6 The Council is invited to:

- .1 note the outcome of the 24th regular session of the Assembly on the Audit Scheme; and
  - .2 request the MSC and MEPC to provide progress reports on their consideration of operative paragraph 1 of resolution A.975(24).
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