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Report of the group of Council Members

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	Recommendation of the group of Council Members on applications for consultative status
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 20
<i>Related documents:</i>	C 92/22/Add.1, C 96/14(d), C 96/14(d)/Add.1, C 96/14(d)/Add.2 and C 96/14(d)/Add.3

1 As instructed by the Council, the group of Council Members met on 20 and 21 June 2006, under the chairmanship of Rear Admiral (ICG) G. Olimbo (Italy), to review and advise the Council on the applications for consultative status from the following organizations:

- the International Association of Airport and Seaport Police (IAASP);
- the Stichting Chemical Distribution Institute (CDI);
- the International Tar Association (ITA);
- the Black Sea International Shipowners Association (BINSAs);
- the European Marine Equipment Council (EMEC);
- the Association of Diving Contractors International, Inc. (ADCI);
- the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU); and
- the Federation of National Associations of Ship Brokers and Agents (FONASBA).

These applications are annexed to documents C 92/22/Add.1, C 96/14(d), C 96/14(d)/Add.1 and C 96/14(d)/Add.2.

2 The group was attended by delegates from Argentina, China, Egypt, Italy, the Philippines, Spain and the United States of America.

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3 The group reviewed the applications in accordance with the Rules Governing Relationship with Non-Governmental International Organizations and the Guidelines on the Grant of Consultative Status, both texts as amended by the Council at its eighty-sixth session and endorsed by the Assembly at its twenty-second regular session. The views of the group are given below.

APPLICATION PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL

International Association of Airport and Seaport Police (IAASP)

4 The group was informed of the decision of the eighty-first session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) regarding the International Association of Airport and Seaport Police (IAASP) application for consultative status with IMO and decided to support the decision of the MSC in this respect and to recommend to the Council that consultative status should not be granted to IAASP.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS

Stichting Chemical Distribution Institute (CDI)

5 The group was of the opinion that the Stichting Chemical Distribution Institute (CDI) has the potential to make a significant contribution to the work of IMO especially in marine chemical transportation and storage of chemical products.

6 The group agreed to allow the application of CDI to proceed for further screening by the MSC and by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) on the understanding that these Committees would consider the application taking into consideration additional information to be provided from CDI regarding paragraph 6 of the questionnaire on the Foundation.

International Tar Association (ITA)

7 The group was of the opinion that the International Tar Association (ITA) does not, at this stage, meet the requirements for consultative status under the existing IMO Rules and Guidelines.

8 The group agreed to recommend to the Council not to proceed with the application from ITA.

Black Sea International Shipowners Association (BINSAs)

9 The group was of the opinion that the Black Sea International Shipowners Association (BINSAs) is a regional association which is not truly international and will not make a substantive contribution to the work of IMO.

10 The group agreed to recommend to the Council not to proceed with the application from BINSAs.

European Marine Equipment Council (EMEC)

11 The group was of the opinion that the European Marine Equipment Council (EMEC) is not truly international and does not meet the requirements for consultative status under the existing Rules and Guidelines.

12 The group agreed to recommend to the Council not to grant consultative status to EMEC as it did not meet the requirements for consultative status under the Governing Rules and Guidelines.

Association of Diving Contractors International, Inc. (ADCI)

13 The group noted that ADCI's first application for consultative status with IMO, several years ago, was rejected on the grounds of having a member company located in Taipei, China, therefore not aligning with the United Nations and International Maritime Organization's "One China Policy".

14 Taking the above-mentioned subject into account, and also noting that the member company has now been withdrawn from the membership list, the group was of the opinion to recommend to the Council to refer the application from ADCI to the MSC and the Legal Committee for further advice.

International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU)

15 The group was of the opinion that the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU) has the potential to make a significant contribution to the work of IMO by further developing a comprehensive maritime education system for future generations, including the development of Standardized Undergraduate Curricula and an International Certification System for Competency.

16 The group was unanimously of the opinion to recommend to the Council to allow the application for consultative status of IAMU to proceed for further screening by the Technical Co-operation Committee on the grounds that it complies with the requisite criteria and, in particular, because IAMU is able to contribute directly to IMO's work.

Federation of National Associations of Ship Brokers and Agents (FONASBA)

17 The group was of the opinion that the Federation of National Associations of Ship Brokers and Agents (FONASBA) has the potential to make a considerable contribution to the work of the Organization in areas of developments, enhanced reporting regulations relating to maritime security, waste disposal and the adoption of the IMO FAL documents.

18 The group agreed to recommend that the Council defer the application of FONASBA, pending the provision by FONASBA of the latest updated official list of its membership, which indicates that it has aligned its practice with that of IMO with regard to the "One China Policy".

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL AT ITS NINETY-FOURTH SESSION REGARDING THE IMO QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NEW APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS

19 Taking into account the decision of the ninety-fourth session of the Council, the group reviewed the questionnaire sent to non-governmental organizations which have requested consultative status with IMO and came to the conclusion that the present questionnaire is in line with the Rules and the Guidelines on the grant of consultative status. The group agreed that information to be provided to the IMO Secretariat in the form of the questionnaire should be submitted in the English, French or Spanish language. The group also came to the conclusion that an e-mail address and website information should be added to item 2 of the questionnaire.

Action requested of the Council

20 The Council is invited to consider the recommendation of the group and decide, as it may deem appropriate.
