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**REPORT ON THE 2005 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON THE REVISION OF THE SUA TREATIES**

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

- Executive summary:** This document reports on the outcome of the International Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties
- Action to be taken:** Paragraph 11
- Related documents:** LEG/CONF.15/21, LEG/CONF.15/22 and LEG/CONF.15/23

1 In pursuance of the decision of the Council, at its twenty-second extraordinary session, and the Assembly, at its twenty-third regular session (see resolution A.942(23)), an International Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties was held at the Headquarters of the Organization from 10 to 14 October 2005.

2 Seventy-four States Parties to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation and seventy States Parties to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf participated in the Conference. Observers from twenty-four States, one Associate Member of the Organization, the European Commission, three intergovernmental organizations and nine non-governmental organizations also participated in the Conference.

3 The Conference elected H.E. Ambassador Giancarlo Aragona (Italy) as President of the Conference; and Vice-Admiral Francisco Martinez (Chile), H.E. Ambassador Gehad Madi (Egypt), H.E. Ambassador Aurimas Taurantas (Lithuania), H.E. Ambassador Antonio Gumende (Mozambique) and H.E. Ambassador Edgardo B. Espiritu (Philippines) as Vice-Presidents of the Conference.

4 As a result of its deliberations, the Conference adopted the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (the text of which is contained in document LEG/CONF.15/21) and the Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf (the text of which is contained in document LEG/CONF.15/22).

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5 Seventy-one States signed the Final Act of the Conference.

6 The Protocols will be opened for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 14 February 2006 and will remain open for signature until 13 February 2007. Thereafter, they will remain open for accession.

7 In accordance with article 18, the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation will enter into force ninety days following the date on which twelve States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General.

8 In accordance with article 9, the Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf will enter into force ninety days following the date on which three States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General. However, the Protocol shall not enter into force before the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation has entered into force.

9 Under the provisions of paragraph 22 of the Final Act, the Conference requested the Secretary-General to prepare consolidated texts in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages of the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 2005 and of the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, 2005.

10 Under the provisions of paragraph 23 of the Final Act, the Secretary-General shall send certified copies of the Final Act and certified copies of the authentic texts of the Protocols to the Governments of the States invited to be represented at the Conference.

Action requested of the Council

11 The Council is invited to take note of the information in this document and to authorize the Secretary-General to perform the functions requested of him by the Conference.