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EXTERNAL RELATIONS

(b) Relations with intergovernmental organizations

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on recent developments concerning the Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and the African Union (AU)

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related documents: None

African Union (AU)

1 Since the ninety-fourth session of the Council, the Secretary-General has received a formal communication dated 20 June 2005 from the Deputy Chairperson of the AU informing the Organization that the Commission of the AU has inherited all the privileges and responsibilities of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and that, in that context, the 1974 Agreement of Co-operation between the OAU and IMO remains valid in both spirit and substance.

2 The communication has acknowledged that, nonetheless, some improvements would be required to align the 1974 Agreement with the change in identity of the African Union. The Secretariats of the two Organizations are now taking steps to review the said Agreement in detail. Once a text is agreed upon, a draft Agreement of Co-operation will be submitted to the Council for its consideration and approval.

Action requested of the Council

3 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and to comment as it may deem appropriate.

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