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## EXTERNAL RELATIONS

### (b) Relations with intergovernmental organizations

#### Note by the Secretary-General

##### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* This document reports on a draft Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 3

*Related documents:* None

#### South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)

1 Since the ninety-fourth session of the Council, the Secretary-General has received a communication dated 5 September 2005 from the Director General of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) informing the Organization that the Third Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting of the South Asian Seas Programme, held on 26 August 2005, had authorized him to sign an Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and SACEP.

2 The proposed Agreement, as drafted by the Secretariats of IMO and SACEP, attached at annex, is submitted for consideration by the Council in accordance with Article 25 of the IMO Convention. The draft follows the pattern of similar agreements previously concluded by IMO with other intergovernmental organizations.

#### Action requested of the Council

3 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and to decide on the proposed Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and SACEP.

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## ANNEX

**DRAFT TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) AND  
THE SOUTH ASIA CO-OPERATIVE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (SACEP)**

1 The International Maritime Organization (hereafter referred to as "IMO") and the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (hereafter referred to as "SACEP") will consult each other on matters of common interest to the two Organizations with a view to ensuring maximum co-ordination of the work and activities of the respective Organizations in respect of such matters.

2 Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, the Secretary-General of IMO and the Director General of SACEP will exchange information and keep each other fully informed of projected activities and programmes of work in fields of common interest. Accordingly, when either Organization proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other has or may have a substantial interest, consultations will be initiated between the Organizations with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account their respective responsibilities and any decisions or wishes of the appropriate governing bodies of the respective Organizations.

3 The Secretary-General of IMO will invite the Director General of SACEP to send representatives to observe meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of IMO to consider matters in which SACEP has an interest, in accordance with procedures applicable to each meeting or conference. The Director General of SACEP will invite the Secretary-General of IMO to send observers to meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of SACEP to consider matters in which IMO has an interest, in accordance with the procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.

4 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Director General of SACEP may consult, where appropriate, on the use of personnel, material, services, equipment and facilities for joint undertakings which may be agreed between them in fields of common interest to IMO and SACEP.

5 IMO will, at the request of SACEP, render assistance to SACEP with respect to matters within the scope of activities of SACEP; and SACEP will, at the request of IMO, render assistance to IMO in matters falling within the scope of IMO's activities. Where assistance which is required by either party under the terms of this Agreement involves substantial expenditure, consultations will take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner for meeting such expenditure.

6 It is further agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall bind any of the Member States of SACEP jointly or severally. Similarly, the Agreement shall not bind any of the Member States of IMO jointly or severally.

7 This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Secretary-General of IMO and the Director General of SACEP.

8 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Director General of SACEP may terminate this Agreement by giving six months written notice to the other party.

9 This Agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Assembly of IMO and SACEP.

Agreed for IMO by:

Agreed for SACEP by:

E.E. MITROPOULOS  
Secretary-General

A.A. BOAZ  
Director General

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