



COUNCIL  
23rd extraordinary session  
Agenda item 14(c)

C/ES.23/14(c)/1/Add.1  
29 September 2005  
Original: ENGLISH and SPANISH

## EXTERNAL RELATIONS

### (c) Relations with non-governmental organizations

#### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* This document reports on follow-up actions regarding the Latin American Shipowners' Association (LASA), in the context of the periodical review of organizations in consultative status with IMO

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 2

*Related documents:* C 94/17(d)/1, C 94/D and C/ES.23/14(c)/1

#### Latin American Shipowners' Association (LASA)

1 Since the issue of document C/ES.23/14(c)/1, the Secretary-General has received a response from LASA, which is reproduced at annex.

#### Action requested of the Council

2 The Council is invited to consider the information provided by LASA and to comment and decide accordingly.

\*\*\*

For reasons of economy, this document is printed in a limited number. Delegates are kindly asked to bring their copies to meetings and not to request additional copies.



**Translation**

**ANNEX**

**LATIN AMERICAN SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

Ref. No. ALAMAR/02/2005

Valparaíso, 13 September 2005

Dear Sir,

I write in response to your letter of 18 July 2005, in which you refer to the biennial review of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO that was carried out by the IMO Council at the Council's ninety-fourth session, held from 20 to 24 June this year.

As you are aware, LASA was granted consultative status in 1971, a situation to which it has always attached great importance, as it has made clear in writing a number of times and on the occasion of your visit to Chile in July 2004.

Formed in 1963, LASA operated from headquarters in Montevideo, Uruguay, until 1994. During that period, its membership comprised shipping companies from Latin American countries. In 1994 the headquarters of LASA were transferred to Chile and its rules were amended, so that now its members are national shipowners' associations from countries of the region.

Those changes meant that permanent staff were no longer required in Uruguay: the LASA headquarters was established at the National Shipowners' Association of Chile.

As a result, LASA now engages in fewer activities. It provides advice and support for its members and distributes new regulations on matters affecting ships and their crews.

That fact, together with the costs associated with travel between Chile and London, are the reasons why LASA has attended only IMO Assembly sessions. This has enabled it to maintain contacts with the Organization's executive bodies, update its maritime technical archives and retain familiarity with the Organization's work programmes and approved resolutions, and address other matters.

The shipowners' associations of our region have maintained their involvement in IMO activities principally through the respective national administrations represented at IMO, and through the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Shipping Federation (ISF), whose membership includes some of the shipowners' associations.

Secretary-General  
IMO  
London

/...

Our consultative status has provided us with privileged access to IMO documents, via our assigned password. These represent a valuable tool for our organization, which regularly has to respond to enquiries from members and the region's shipowners. While we shall respect any decision that the IMO Council may take concerning LASA's consultative status, I should like to propose that the current arrangement be maintained, including our privileged access to IMO documents, which brings us important benefits and enables us to keep up to date with the many IMO regulations, as well as implement them in a timely fashion.

In conclusion, I should like to confirm our wish to maintain our consultative status, and to emphasize that LASA will try its best to increase its contribution to the work of IMO, either by attending more meetings or by contributing documents on topics of major importance to LASA. As a first step, LASA has committed itself to participating in the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly due to be held from 21 November to 2 December 2005.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) Erich Strelow  
President, LASA

---