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Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on follow-up actions regarding the Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea (ACOPS); the Latin American Shipowners' Association (LASA); and Greenpeace International, in the context of the periodical review of organizations in consultative status with IMO

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: C 94/17(d)/1, C 94/D

Introduction

1 The Council, at its ninety-fourth session, reviewed the current list of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO, as required by Rule 10 of the Rules Governing Relationship with Non-Governmental International Organizations, in order to determine whether the continuance of their status in any particular case was necessary and desirable so that it might be able to report to the Assembly accordingly.

Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea (ACOPS) and Latin American Shipowners' Association (LASA)

2 The Council, having noted the poor attendance record of ACOPS and LASA at IMO meetings, requested the Secretary-General to remind these organizations of their obligations in accordance with the Guidelines on the Grant of Consultative Status and to advise it at its forthcoming twenty-third extraordinary session accordingly, to enable the Council to take a decision on their consultative status. This information was conveyed by the Secretary-General to both organizations by letters dated 18 July 2005.

3 Any responses received by the Organization from ACOPS and LASA will be reported to the Council in an appropriate manner.

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Greenpeace International

4 The Council, having noted the views expressed by Council Members, reiterating the necessity for Greenpeace International to comply with international regulations concerning the safety of navigation and, in particular, the Collision Regulations and the implementation of the ISPS Code, requested the Secretary-General to draw the attention of Greenpeace International to the serious allegations made against it at MSC 80 and C 94 (which appear to contradict Greenpeace's undertaking previously given to IMO not to endanger the safety of shipping); to invite Greenpeace International to respond to these allegations; and to report to the Council at this extraordinary session.

5 The Council, having also requested the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the activities of Greenpeace International, decided to review the status of Greenpeace International at C/ES.23.

6 The Council's decision was conveyed to Greenpeace International by letter dated 1 July 2005 and any response received by the Organization from Greenpeace International will be reported to the Council in an appropriate manner.

Action requested of the Council

7 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and, in particular, to decide whether the consultative status of ACOPS, LASA and Greenpeace International should be retained advising A 24 accordingly.
