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EXTERNAL RELATIONS**(d) Report on World Maritime Day 2005****Note by the Secretary-General****SUMMARY**

Executive summary: This document reports on the celebration of World Maritime Day 2005

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related document: C/ES.23/14(d)

1 As reported in document C/ES.23/14(d), World Maritime Day 2005 was celebrated at IMO Headquarters on 29 September. On that day, the Secretary-General held a reception for members of the diplomatic corps in London, representatives of various organizations and bodies associated with the work of the Organization, shipowners, seafarer representative organizations and the Secretariat.

2 For the occasion, two pamphlets were produced to promote the 2005 theme "International Shipping – Carrier of World Trade" for distribution to the guests attending the reception. The first, produced by IMO, highlights the role of the Organization in international shipping and its competence and responsibility for safety of life at sea, maritime security and the protection of the marine environment; the second, produced by the Round Table of international shipping associations (BIMCO, International Chamber of Shipping/International Shipping Federation, INTERCARGO and INTERTANKO), emphasizes the fact that 90% of world trade is carried by sea.

3 As in previous years, the Secretary-General received numerous messages of congratulations and support from many Governments and organizations as well as information on special arrangements and ceremonies organized by them for the celebration of the Day. A list of Governments and other entities from which messages and information were received is given in the annex to this document. Any further messages and information received after the issue of this document will be reported to the Council in an appropriate manner.

4 With reference to paragraph 6 of document C/ES.23/14(d), concerning the trial parallel event to be organized by IMO in conjunction with the Government of Portugal, the Council may note that this is scheduled to take place on 15 November 2005.

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5 The Secretary-General wishes to take this opportunity to express his appreciation to Member Governments, organizations and other entities, the IMO staff and all others who so generously lent their support and assistance to the commemoration of World Maritime Day 2005, and, especially, to all those Members who have contributed to the efforts to revitalize the Day by organizing special events for the occasion and informing the Secretariat in advance of those activities.

Action requested of the Council

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

ANNEX

**A MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH
WORLD MARITIME DAY**

(i) Messages received from Governments

ARGENTINA	-	from the Director, Prefectura Naval Argentina, Dirección de Policía de Seguridad de la Navegación
BRAZIL	-	from the Brazilian Permanent Representation to IMO, London
ECUADOR	-	from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to IMO, London, on behalf of the Maritime Authority of Ecuador
EGYPT	-	from the Head of Maritime Transport Sector
GERMANY	-	from the Federal Minister of Transport, Building and Housing
GREECE	-	from the Minister of Mercantile Marine
GUATEMALA	-	from the Chief of the Maritime Department
HONDURAS	-	from the Director General of the Merchant Marine
INDIA	-	from the Director-General of Shipping and Secretary to Government of India
INDONESIA	-	from the Director General of Sea Transportation
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	-	from the General Director, Bandar Abbas Ports Authority, Ports & Shipping Organization

(i) Messages received from Governments (Cont'd)

JAPAN	-	from the Director-General, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
NETHERLANDS	-	from the Director-General for Civil Aviation and Freight Transport
PANAMA	-	from the Second Vice-President of the Republic of Panama, Administrator of the Panama Maritime Authority and Secretary General of ROGRAM
	-	from the Administrator of the Panama Canal Authority
PERU	-	from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
	-	from the Director General, Harbours and Coastguards, Ministry of Defence
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	-	from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to IMO, London
SPAIN	-	from the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain to IMO, London, on behalf of the Government of Spain, the Permanent Representation of Spain to IMO and on his own behalf
	-	from the Director General of the Merchant Marine
TURKEY	-	from the Minister of Transportation and Communications
	-	from the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Turkey to IMO, London
UKRAINE	-	from the Acting Permanent Representative of Ukraine to IMO, London

(i) Messages received from Governments (Cont'd)

UNITED KINGDOM	-	from the Minister of State for Transport
URUGUAY	-	from the Ambassador of Uruguay, London
	-	from the Permanent Representative of Uruguay to IMO, London
	-	from the Prefecto Nacional Naval, on behalf of the Maritime Authority of Uruguay and on his own behalf
VENEZUELA	-	from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to IMO, London
HOLY SEE	-	from His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

(ii) Messages received from international organizations

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	-	from a Member
INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING (ICS)	-	from the Secretary-General of ICS on behalf of ICS and ISF members
INTERNATIONAL SHIP SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION (ISSA)	-	from the Secretary
INTERNATIONAL PARCEL TANKERS ASSOCIATION (IPTA)	-	from the Chairman

(iii) Messages received from national organizations

RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING	-	from the Director General
HELLENIC MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (HELMEPA)	-	from the Secretariat

(iv) Miscellaneous

WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY - from the Rector
(WMU)
DEEPAJ MARINE SYSTEMS (P) LTD., - from the staff
INDIA

B INFORMATION ON SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD MARITIME DAY

In addition to the above, the Secretary-General has received notifications from some Member Governments, who have responded to his request for sending advance information to the Secretariat, on the special activities they were planning for their celebrations. Other information on special activities was gathered by the Secretariat from articles, which appeared in newspapers, magazines and the Internet. The countries are the following:

ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA
BRAZIL
ECUADOR
EGYPT
GUATEMALA
INDIA
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)
LIBERIA
MALAYSIA
MAURITIUS
MEXICO
PHILIPPINES
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS
SOUTH AFRICA
THAILAND
TURKEY
UNITED STATES
URUGUAY
