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## VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME

### Draft Assembly resolution regarding consideration of security-related matters

Submitted by Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States

#### SUMMARY

**Executive summary:** Based on the discussions at MSC 80, at the Annex to this paper is a draft Assembly resolution on the Future Development of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme, especially *vis-à-vis* security-related matters.

**Action to be taken:** Paragraph 5

**Related document:** MSC 80/24

1 When considering the outcome of the Joint Working Group on the draft Framework and Procedures for the Audit Scheme, the Maritime Safety Committee at its eightieth session (MSC 80) noted, *inter alia*, that the retention of security-related matters as an element of the Audit Scheme was an outstanding issue that required a final decision to be taken by the Council and the Assembly.

2 MSC 80 subsequently decided to recommend to Council that the words “security” and “recognized security organization” should be deleted from the draft Framework document (MSC 80/24, paragraph 8.18.1). The Committee also agreed to develop, at an appropriate time, suitable provisions for the eventual inclusion of other safety- and security-related issues in the Audit Scheme, taking into account the experience gained from the implementation of the Scheme and salient safety- and security-related issues (MSC 80/24, paragraph 8.18.2).

3 The co-sponsors of this paper fully endorse the decisions of the Maritime Safety Committee as reported in paragraph 2 above.

4 In addition and based on the debate at MSC 80, the chairman proposed that, in addition to the Assembly resolution that will be the instrument adopting the Audit Scheme, there was the possibility of a second draft Assembly resolution being submitted by interested Member States addressing the inclusion of security in the Scheme. To take forward this proposal, the co-sponsors of this paper have developed the draft Assembly resolution attached at annex to this paper. It is the intention of the co-sponsors, dependent on the discussions at this session of the Council, that a draft resolution will be submitted to the twenty-fourth regular session of the Assembly this November.

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**Action requested of the Council**

5 The Council is invited to consider the draft Assembly resolution attached at annex and comment as appropriate.

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**ANNEX****DRAFT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION****FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the Framework for the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme adopted through resolution A.xxx(24),

RECALLING ALSO the Code for the implementation of mandatory IMO instruments adopted through resolution A.xxx(24),

NOTING that the Audit Scheme contains references to the Code for the implementation of mandatory IMO instruments, as appropriate; and that the Code, in addition to providing guidance for the implementation and enforcement of IMO instruments, forms the basis of the Audit Scheme, in particular concerning the identification of the auditable areas,

NOTING ALSO that the Code for the implementation of mandatory IMO instruments adopted through resolution A.xxx(24) does not include security-related matters,

NOTING FURTHER that the said Framework does not identify obligations and responsibilities relating to maritime security as being within the scope of the Audit Scheme,

RECOGNIZING NEVERTHELESS the importance of Maritime Security,

RECOGNIZING ALSO that the relevant security-related regulations have been adopted only recently, and that time is required for the necessary quality reviews by Member States to ensure optimum efficiency of their implementing procedures,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that obligations and responsibilities relating to maritime security may be under the responsibility of different national authorities within Member States,

RECALLING that other safety and environmental protection responsibilities of Member States are also presently outside the scope of the Code and the Audit Scheme,

BEING DESIROUS to assist Governments to improve their capabilities and overall performance in order to comply with the full range of obligations and responsibilities set out in the IMO instruments to which they are Party,

1. REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee to review the future feasibility of including within the scope the Audit Scheme the security-related and other functions not presently covered, to identify any implications of broadening the scope of the Audit Scheme in this way and to report to the Council, as appropriate;

2. REQUESTS the Council to develop suitable provisions for the possible future inclusion of other safety- environmental protection- and security-related issues in the Audit Scheme, taking into account the experience gained from the implementation of the Scheme and of any salient safety- and security-related issues identified by the Committees;

3. INVITES the Organization, at an appropriate time, to consider whether and how to incorporate such matters in the Scheme.

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