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CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of the thirty-eighth session of the Facilitation Committee
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	1.1, 3.5 and 8
<i>High-level action:</i>	1.1.2, 3.5.1, 8.0.1 to 8.0.3
<i>Planned output:</i>	1.1.2.36 to 1.1.2.39, 3.5.1.5, 8.0.1.1 to 8.0.3.2
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 9
<i>Related document:</i>	FAL 38/15

INTRODUCTION

1 The report of the thirty-eighth session of the Facilitation Committee (FAL 38/15) is submitted to the 110th session of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 49(b) of the IMO Convention.

2 The session was held from 8 to 12 April 2013 under the chairmanship of Mr. Yuri Melenas (Russian Federation) and the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Marina Angsell (Sweden), was also present. The session was attended by 64 Member States, one Associate Member, two United Nations specialized agencies, two intergovernmental organizations and 23 non-governmental organizations in consultative status.

3 The report of FAL 38 (document FAL 38/15) has been circulated to all IMO Member Governments. Decisions of the Committee of interest to the Council are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

Recommendations and guidelines adopted by the Committee

4 The Committee approved the following circulars and resolutions:

- .1 FAL.2/Circ.127 on Revised list of certificates and documents required to be carried on board ships, subject to the concurrent decisions of MSC 92 and MEPC 65;

- .2 FAL.3/Circ.209 on Revised Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Facilitation Committee;
- .3 FAL.5/Circ.39 on Interim Guidelines for use of printed versions of electronic certificates;
- .4 FAL.5/Circ.40 on Revised IMO Compendium on Facilitation and Electronic Business;
- .5 FAL.6/Circ.16 on Guidelines on measures towards enhancing maritime trade recovery related to the global supply chain system and maritime conveyances; and
- .6 a draft Assembly resolution on Notification and circulation through the global integrated shipping information system (GISIS).

Revised guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Facilitation Committee

5 The Committee approved the revised *Guidelines for use of printed versions of electronic certificates, to incorporate "the GAP"* according to C/ES.26 request, and made some editorial improvements in the text of the Committee's Guidelines. The Committee further agreed to advise the other Committees to review their *Guidelines on the organization and method of work*, following the editorial improvement made by FAL 38.

Procedure for adoption of the amendments to the Annex of the FAL Convention

6 The Committee had an in-depth discussion on the procedure for the adoption of amendments to the annex to the FAL Convention arising from the General Review of the FAL Convention, and noted that the way forward would need the approval of the Council as it had implications on the budget for the 2014-2015 biennium. There was general agreement on the desirability of adopting the amendments during the 2014-2015 biennium.

7 The majority of delegations were in favour of convening an intersessional group in early 2014 to prepare the revised text for the adoption by FAL 39 in October 2014. However, some Member States expressed their concern that the need for an intersessional group was not properly justified, and suggested that, depending on the progress of the review, FAL 39 may request C 113 to authorize a second, up to three-day, session of the FAL Committee during the 2014-2015 biennium for the adoption of the amendments. The Committee was not able to reach full agreement, and therefore agreed to forward the two options referred to above to C 110 for its consideration and action.

High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium

8 The Committee approved the proposals for the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium for the Committee for submission to C 110, as set out in annex 5 of FAL 38/14.

Action requested of the Council

- 9 The Council is invited to:
- .1 consider the report of the thirty-eighth session of the Facilitation Committee and, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention, transmit it, with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly;
 - .2 note the revised Committee's Guidelines on the organization and method of work (FAL.3/Circ.209), and consider if the editorial improvements made by FAL 38 might be included in any revision to Assembly resolution A.1013(26) (paragraph 5);
 - .3 decide on the preferred option for the consideration of the adoption of the amendments to the annex to the FAL Convention arising from the General Review of the FAL Convention (paragraphs 6 and 7); and
 - .4 endorse the proposals for the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium for the FAL Committee (paragraph 8).
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