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GENERAL

The twenty-fifth extraordinary session of the Council was held on 19 and 20 November 2009, under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Franson (Sweden). The Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. Ntuli (South Africa), was also present.

Reference document: C/ES.25/SR.1

INVITATION TO NON-MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE SESSION

At their request, delegations from Algeria, Angola, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), the Cook Islands, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Marshall Islands, Morocco, Peru, Poland, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Syrian Arab Republic, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, Vanuatu and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) attended the session as observers. Hong Kong, China (Associate Member) also attended the session as an observer.

Reference document: C/ES.25/SR.1

1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (agenda item 1)

1.1 The Council adopted the agenda and proposed timetable contained in document C/ES.25/1/Rev.1; and noted the annotations to the agenda contained in document C/ES.25/1/1.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/1/Rev.1; C/ES.25/1/1; C/ES.25/SR.1

2 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON CREDENTIALS (agenda item 2)

2.1 With reference to rule 9 of its Rules of Procedure, the Council noted the Secretary-General's report that the credentials of delegations attending the session were found to be in order.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/2; C/ES.25/SR.1 and SR.4

3 STRATEGY AND PLANNING (agenda item 3)

3.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/3, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc Council* Working Group on the Organization's Strategic Plan, and the Secretary-General, on the outcome of the Working Group's tenth session (14 to 18 September 2009); the Council also noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/3/1, submitted by Chile, the Netherlands, South Africa, Spain and Uruguay, and that provided orally by the delegation of Spain, regarding a draft Assembly resolution on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS).

3.2 With regard to document C/ES.25/3, the Council noted and endorsed the Working Group's:

- (i) analysis of data measured against the Organization's performance indicators, including its conclusion that continued and increased emphasis should be given by all IMO organs to ongoing efforts in the six areas listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 of its report;
- (ii) discussion on the further development of the performance indicators, including the approach agreed by it for the measurement of organizational performance in the future;
- (iii) recommendations that:
 - all IMO organs should make every effort to ensure compliance with the Council's earlier request that planned outputs should be formulated in SMART terms (i.e. specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-bound);
 - in the delivery of their planned outputs during the next biennium, all IMO organs should give special attention to those that are related to the six areas listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 of its report as requiring continued and increased emphasis;
- (iv) outline migration plan set out in annex 3 of its report, which had been elaborated with a view to detailing the practical steps required to support the effective transition from current working arrangements to full implementation, throughout the Organization, of the prospective Guidelines on the application of the Strategic Plan and High-level Action Plan of the Organization; and
- (v) discussion on working arrangements and associated budgetary factors and on the alignment of planning and budgeting cycles and, in this respect, its recommendation for the Working Group to be reconvened in the first half of 2010 to consider these matters further.

3.3 The Council also:

- (i) approved the updated Strategic Plan for the Organization (for the six-year period 2010 to 2015), together with the associated draft Assembly resolution in annex 1 to the document; and decided to forward them to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly for adoption;
- (ii) approved the updated High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2010-2011 biennium, together with the associated draft Assembly resolution in annex 2 to the document; and decided to forward them to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly for adoption;

- (iii) noted the Working Group's conclusion that no changes were required to the draft Assembly resolution and draft Guidelines on the application of the Strategic Plan and High-level Action Plan of the Organization and, in this respect, gave final approval to those texts and decided to forward them to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly for adoption; and
- (iv) approved the report in general.

3.4 With regard to document C/ES.25/3/1, the Council approved the draft Assembly resolution on GISIS, with the editorial improvements and amendments suggested in discussions, and decided to forward it to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly for adoption.

3.5 The Council thanked the Chairman and members of the Working Group, the Secretary-General and the Secretariat for the satisfactory outcome of the Group's tenth session.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/3; C/ES.25/3/1; C 102/D (paragraphs 3(a).1 to 3(a).3); C 102/3(a); C 101/D (paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3) C 101/3; C 100/D; C 100/3(a); resolutions A.989(25) and A.990(25); C/ES.25/SR.1

4 ORGANIZATIONAL REFORMS (agenda item 4)

4.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/4, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, with respect to progress made towards the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) system and the ongoing project to update and enhance the Organization's SAP system.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/4; C 102/4/1; C 102/D; C 100/4(a); C/ES.25/SR.1

5 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (agenda item 5)

(a) Personnel matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules (agenda item 5(a))

5(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C/ES.25/5(a) and its addendum; and in documents C/ES.25/5(a)/1 and C/ES.25/5(a)/2, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on personnel matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules; and also that the Secretary-General would provide, at C 104, information on relevant human resources planning strategies.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/5(a) and Add.1; C/ES.25/5(a)/1; C/ES.25/5(a)/2; C/ES.25/5(d); C 102/5(a); C 102/5(a)/1; A 26/INF.2; C/ES.25/SR.1

(b) Report on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention (agenda item 5(b))

5(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/5(b) and its addenda, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

5(b).2 In particular, the Council:

- (i) commended the Secretary-General for his continuing strenuous efforts to improve the Organization's financial position and endorsed his request that Council Members set an example in this matter by early settlement of dues, in accordance with the Organization's Financial Regulations and Financial Rules;
- (ii) reiterated its firm stance on the strict enforcement of Article 61 of the IMO Convention and urged all Member States to fulfil their financial obligations;
- (iii) recommended that the Assembly, at its forthcoming session, adopt the draft resolution annexed to document C/ES.25/5(b)/Add.2, as an expression of the importance of timely contributions and the risks which may arise from late payment of contributions; and
- (iv) welcomed the payments made by those Member States, which were not granted a waiver at the last session of the Assembly.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/5(b) and Add.1-2; C 102/5(d) and Add.1-2; C/ES.25/SR.1

(c) Consideration of requests by Members, if any, for waiver of the application of Article 61 of the IMO Convention (agenda item 5(c))

5(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/5(c), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the consideration of requests by Members for waiver of the application of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

5(c).2 In the absence of any requests for waiver, the Council recommended to the Assembly not to waive the application of Article 61 of the IMO Convention for: the Republic of Cape Verde, the Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, the Republic of Haiti, the Republic of Malawi, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, the Solomon Islands and the Somali Republic. These Member States, have, therefore, no voting rights.

5(c).3 The Council encouraged the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to pay the small amount outstanding for 2008 in the early part of the Assembly, so that it could regain the right to vote.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/5(c); C/ES.25/5(b) and Add.1-2; C/ES.24/5(c); C/ES.25/SR.1

(d) Budget considerations for 2009 (agenda item 5(d))

5(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/5(d), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on budget considerations for 2009.

5(d).2 In particular, the Council noted:

- (i) the forecast expenditure in the regular budget for 2009, including the forecast shortfall in the approved appropriation for 2009;

- (ii) the transfer to 2009 of the unspent balance of £725,592 in the regular budget for 2008, in accordance with the Organization's Financial Regulations, to partly address the projected shortfall in the 2009 budget, as endorsed by the Council at its 102nd session; and approved the Secretary-General's proposal for a supplementary budget, up to an amount to make up for the actual shortfall (currently estimated to be £308,308 as shown in Table 4 of the document), financed from the Organization's General Fund cash surplus to offset the remaining shortfall not covered by the transfer, in accordance with the Financial Regulations;
- (iii) that the Secretary-General would make, as and when necessary, timely transfers between Major Programmes to the extent that balances are available to cover or reduce deficits in programme appropriation balances, in accordance with the Organization's Financial Regulations and as approved by the Council at its 102nd session;
- (iv) the forecast year-end cash surplus of the General Fund;
- (v) the expenditure of the Printing Fund, which is forecast to be controlled within the approved 2009 budget; the projected outturn; and the full distribution of the 2008 surplus;
- (vi) the forecast financial status of the Headquarters Capital Fund, which can be contained within the 2009 budget plus part of the transfer of the uncommitted 2008 budget balance, as approved by the Council at its 101st session; and
- (vii) the forecast financial status of the Termination Benefit Fund; the Training and Development Fund; the Technical Co-operation Fund; and extra-budgetary programmes.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/5(d); C 102/D; C 102/5(e); resolution A.991(25); C/ES.25/SR.1

6 VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME (agenda item 6)

6.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C/ES.25/6 and C/ES.25/6/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegation of Argentina, on the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

6.2 With regard to document C/ES.25/6, containing a draft Assembly resolution on the further development of the Audit Scheme, together with a proposed associated time frame and related activities, the Council approved the draft resolution as amended by WP.1; and requested the Secretariat to submit it to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly for adoption.

6.3 With regard to document C/ES.25/6/1, the Council noted the information provided by Argentina on its own experience of the Audit Scheme and also its comments on the institutionalization of the Scheme.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/6; C/ES.25/6/1; C/ES.25/WP.1; C 102/D, paragraph 6.5; C 102/6/1; resolutions A.974(24) and A.996(25); C/ES.25/SR.2 and SR.3

7 RESULTS-BASED BUDGET FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH FINANCIAL PERIOD 2010-2011 (agenda item 7)

7.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/7 and its corrigendum, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on developments since its last regular session with regard to the results-based budget for the twenty-sixth financial period 2010-2011.

7.2 The Council supported the Secretary-General's revised budget proposals, including option 1, to reduce the assessment level, as set out in document C/ES.25/7.

7.3 Accordingly, the Council:

- (i) approved an appropriation of the regular budget, for the 2010-2011 biennium, of £61,151,200, comprising an appropriation of £30,290,900 for 2010 and an appropriation of £30,860,300 for 2011;
- (ii) agreed to the financing of the appropriations by assessment upon Member States of £27,748,500 for 2010 and £29,307,500 for 2011, taking into account estimated offsetting incomes of £2,542,400 for 2010 and £1,552,800 for 2011;
- (iii) approved the Organization's complement for the 2010-2011 biennium;
- (iv) agreed to the proposed number of meeting-weeks of 41.4, comprising 22.8 meeting-weeks for 2010 and 18.6 meeting-weeks for 2011;
- (v) approved the draft terms of reference for the establishment of a proposed Trading Fund, including a provision whereby, at the beginning of each year, the Secretary-General shall transfer, unless otherwise directed by the Assembly, not less than 75% of the net annual cash surplus in the Fund to the Technical Co-operation Fund; 10% to the Headquarters Capital Fund; and 1.5% to the Training and Development Fund;
- (vi) approved the proposed expenditure budget for the Trading Fund of £5,757,400 for 2010 and £5,848,200 for 2011, with a corresponding target revenue of £9,843,300 and £10,001,500, respectively;
- (vii) approved the proposed budget for the Headquarters Capital Fund of £1,713,000 for 2010 and £1,683,200 for 2011;
- (viii) approved the proposed budget for the Termination Benefit Fund of £874,800 for 2010 and £851,600 for 2011;
- (ix) approved the proposed budget for the Training and Development Fund of £119,400 for 2010 and £120,600 for 2011;
- (x) approved the proposed budget for the Technical Co-operation Fund of £4,011,000 for 2010 and £4,473,700 for 2011; and

- (xi) recommended that the Assembly approve the above-mentioned proposals and adopt the associated draft Assembly resolution, as given at annex 1 to document C/ES.25/7.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/7 and Corr.1; C 102/D; C 102/8 and Add.1; C 102/8/1; C 102/WP.4; C/ES.25/5(d); resolution A.991(25); C/ES.25/SR.2 and SR.3

8 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (agenda item 8)

8.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/8, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Secretary-General, on the report of the fifty-ninth session of the Committee (13 to 17 July 2009).

8.2 In particular, the Council noted:

- (i) the adoption of amendments to MARPOL Annex I;
- (ii) the progress made and decisions taken concerning the control of GHG emissions from ships, including agreement to circulate four MEPC circulars on technical and operational measures; approval of a work plan to consider market-based measures; and agreement that any regulatory scheme on GHG emissions applied to international shipping should be developed and enacted by IMO as the most competent relevant international body;
- (iii) the decisions taken concerning MARPOL Annex VI-related issues, including approval of the North American Emission Control Area and adoption of six associated guidelines to facilitate implementation of the revised MARPOL Annex VI;
- (iv) the decisions taken concerning implementation of the BWM Convention, including the granting of Basic Approval to three, and Final Approval to four, ballast water management systems that make use of Active Substances; as well as confirmation that sufficient type-approved technologies would be available for ships constructed in 2010 subject to regulation B-3.3 of the BWM Convention;
- (v) the action taken concerning the newly adopted Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009, including the adoption of MEPC resolutions on Calculation of the ship recycling capacity and on Guidelines for the development of the inventory of hazardous materials;
- (vi) the approval of unified interpretations, clarifications and other measures to promote the implementation of the MARPOL Convention and related instruments;
- (vii) the action taken concerning implementation of the OPRC Convention, the OPRC-HNS Protocol and relevant Conference resolutions;
- (viii) the action taken concerning the reports of sub-committees, including approval of draft Assembly resolutions for adoption by the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly;

- (ix) the action taken concerning technical co-operation matters for the protection of the marine environment; and
- (x) the action taken concerning the role of the human element, including approval of a draft Assembly resolution on Guidelines for implementation of the ISM Code by Administrations with a view to adoption by the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly.

8.3 The Council also endorsed the action taken by the Committee in approving intersessional meetings for working/technical groups scheduled for 2010.

8.4 The Council approved the report of the Committee's fifty-ninth session in general, and decided to transmit it, with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/8; MEPC 59/24 and Add.1; C/ES.25/SR.3

9 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE (agenda item 9)

9.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/9, as well as that provided orally by the Chairman of the Legal Committee and the Secretary-General, on the report of the ninety-sixth session of the Committee (5 to 9 October 2009).

9.2 The Council decided to transmit the draft Assembly resolution, approved by the Committee, on the issuing of Bunkers certificates to bareboat-registered vessels to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly, for adoption.

9.3 The Council approved the report of the Committee's ninety-sixth session in general, and decided to transmit it, with its comments and recommendations, to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/9; LEG 96/13; C/ES.25/SR.3

10 REPORT ON THE 31st CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE LONDON CONVENTION 1972 AND THE 4th MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE 1996 PROTOCOL TO THE LONDON CONVENTION (agenda item 10)

10.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/10, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on the outcome of the 31st Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties of the London Convention, 1972 and the 4th Meeting of Contracting Parties to the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention.

10.2 The Council agreed to the convening of an Intersessional Working Group on Ocean Fertilization at IMO Headquarters from 1 to 5 March 2010.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/10; A 26/16; LC 31/5; LC 31/WP.5; C/ES.25/SR.4

11 WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY (agenda item 11)

11.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/11, regarding proposed amendments to the Charter of the World Maritime University (WMU); and in document C/ES.25/11/1, on the financial sustainability of WMU; as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General.

11.2 With regard to document C/ES.25/11, the Council approved the proposed revisions to the WMU Charter, as amended, and the associated draft Assembly resolution; and decided to forward both to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly for adoption.

11.3 With regard to document C/ES.25/11/1, the Council approved a proposed draft resolution on Sustainable financial support for the University; and decided to forward it to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly for adoption.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/11; C/ES.25/11/1; C 102/D, paragraph 15(a).2; C 102/15(a) and Add.1 and Corr.1; C 102/SR.7 and SR.8; C/ES.25/SR.4

12 PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES (agenda item 12)

12.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/12, reporting on recent developments concerning the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden; in document C/ES.25/12/1 (Singapore), reporting on the outcome of the 2nd Co-operation Forum and the 2nd Project Coordination Committee Meeting, held in Singapore from 14 to 16 October 2009; and in document C/ES.25/12/2 (Malaysia), reporting on the Aids to Navigation Fund; as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, and by the delegations of Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia regarding the protection of vital shipping lanes, in general; issues pertaining to piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia; and matters relating to the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, in particular.

12.2 With regard to document C/ES.25/12, the Council:

- (i) unreservedly condemned and deplored all acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships, irrespective of where such acts have occurred or may occur;
- (ii) appealed to all parties, which may be able to assist, to take prompt and effective action to ensure that:
 - all acts, or attempted acts, of piracy and armed robbery against ships are terminated forthwith and any plans for committing such acts are abandoned; and
 - any hijacked ships are immediately and unconditionally released and that no harm is caused to seafarers serving on them.

12.3 The Council approved, with certain amendments, a proposed draft Assembly resolution on Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia, for submission to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly for adoption.

12.4 The Council also:

- (i) welcomed the establishment, by the Secretary-General, of the IMO Djibouti Code of Conduct Trust Fund;
- (ii) thanked Japan for generously contributing US\$13.6 million to the said Trust Fund; and the Netherlands and Norway for their financial contributions to the Fund;
- (iii) urged Member States and the shipping industry to consider making either financial contributions to the aforementioned Trust Fund or providing in-kind support to the efforts of IMO in relation to the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden; and
- (iv) expressed appreciation to all those who had, thus far, rendered assistance or responded to calls from ships under attack in waters off the coast of Somalia, and encouraged them to continue to do so.

12.5 With regard to documents C/ES.25/12/1 and C/ES.25/12/2, the Council:

- (i) expressed appreciation to Malaysia and Singapore for hosting the recent Meetings relating to, and the littoral States of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore for, the timely implementation of the various components of the Cooperative Mechanism on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore;
- (ii) also expressed appreciation to Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (in particular Australia, China, Germany, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, the European Commission, the Nippon Foundation, the Malacca Straits Council and MENAS), for contributions made and support pledged to the various projects under the Cooperative Mechanism, the Aids to Navigation Fund and the IMO Straits Fund;
- (iii) noted the completion and subsequent signing of the informal Joint Technical Arrangement between IMO and the littoral States on co-operation between them and the Organization on safety and environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore; and
- (iv) invited Member States and the industry to continue contributing to the projects under the Cooperative Mechanism; the Aids to Navigation Fund; and the IMO Straits Fund.

12.6 The Council reaffirmed its mandate to the Secretary-General to continue his work relating to the protection of shipping lanes of strategic importance and significance and to report developments, as and when appropriate; and requested the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee to consider the role they may wish to play relevant to the implementation of the various components of the Cooperative Mechanism on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/12; C/ES.25/12/1; C/ES.25/12/2; C 102/D, paragraphs 14.1 to 14.5; C 102/14/2; NAV 55/3/12; NAV 55/21, paragraphs 3.27 to 3.31, 3.53 to 3.55 and annex 5; resolution A.1002(25); C/ES.25/SR.4

13 REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE ASSEMBLY ON THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION SINCE THE TWENTY-FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY (agenda item 13)

13.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/13, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, regarding the report of the Council to the Assembly on the work of the Organization since the twenty-fifth regular session of the Assembly.

13.2 The Council approved the report for submission to the twenty-sixth regular session of the Assembly.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/13; A 26/7; C 102/D; C 102/17(c); Council Summaries of Decisions and Committee reports; C/ES.25/SR.4

14 EXTERNAL RELATIONS (agenda item 14)

(a) Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies (agenda item 14(a))

14(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/14(a), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the outcome of the second regular session of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2009 and requested that it be kept informed of any relevant developments on the issues addressed.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/14(a); C/ES.25/SR.4

(b) Joint Inspection Unit (agenda item 14(b))

14(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/14(b), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) and the actions taken by the Secretary-General thereon.

14(b).2 In particular, the Council noted:

- (i) the report entitled “National Execution of Technical Cooperation Projects” (JIU/REP/2008/4), and the Secretary-General’s comments thereon;
- (ii) the actions already taken with regard to the recommendations contained in the report entitled “Review of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Hosting Services in the United Nations System Organizations” (JIU/REP/2008/5), and concurred that there was no need for a reporting time frame, as suggested in recommendation 6 of the report; and
- (iii) the report entitled “Review of Management of Internet Websites in the United Nations System Organizations” (JIU/REP/2008/6), and the Secretary-General’s intention to give further detailed consideration to it and its recommendations; and to report to the Council accordingly, in due course.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/14(b); C/ES.25/SR.4

(c) Report on World Maritime Day (agenda item 14(c))

14(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/14(c) and its addendum; and in document C/ES.25/14(c)/1, submitted by the United States, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegation of the United States, reporting on World Maritime Day 2009.

14(c).2 The Council, noting that World Maritime Day 2009 had been a great success, extended its appreciation to all those involved in the preparation and arrangements made for its celebration.

14(c).3 The Council, noting, in particular, the very worthwhile contributions, which various Member Governments, organizations and individuals had made to the success of the Day, by their attendance at the reception held in IMO Headquarters and through events organized by them, and the messages sent to the Secretary-General on the occasion, expressed appreciation to all those Governments, organizations and individuals.

14(c).4 The Council also expressed appreciation to all Members and organizations, which had joined in the celebrations through various special events to mark the Day, and for informing the Secretariat, in advance of the Day, of those activities.

14(c).5 With regard to the fifth World Maritime Day parallel event, the Council, noting its successful organization, jointly by IMO and the Government of the United States, in New York City, on 16 October 2009, expressed its appreciation to the Government of the United States, and the United States Coast Guard in particular, for hosting the event, and to the Member Governments and international organizations, which sent representatives to attend it; and to the media for covering it.

14(c).6 With regard to World Maritime Day 2010, the Council recalled its decision, at its 102nd session, in June 2009, that the theme for the Day would be: "2010: Year of the Seafarer"; and noted that necessary arrangements would be made for the celebration of the Day, in accordance with past practice and decisions made by the Council and the Assembly.

14(c).7 The Council further recalled its agreement, at C 102, that the parallel event for the celebration of World Maritime Day 2010 would be held in Argentina, and reiterated its appreciation to the Government of Argentina for its offer.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/14(c) and Add.1; C/ES.25/14(c)/1; C/ES.25/SR.4

15 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION (agenda item 15)

15.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C/ES.25/15 and its related document A 26/20, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of the Convention and membership of the Organization.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/15; A 26/20; C/ES.25/SR.4

16 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS (agenda item 16)

16.1 Owing to lack of time, the Council agreed to defer discussion of this agenda item to C 104.

Reference documents: C/ES.25/16; A 26/21 and Add.1; C/ES.25/SR.4

TRIBUTE TO MR. J. FRANSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Upon being informed of its Chairman's, Mr. J. Franson of Sweden, impending retirement, the Council and the Secretary-General paid tribute to him, thanking him for his outstanding contribution, in general, over many years to the work of the Organization and, in particular, to that of the Council during the four years of his Chairmanship; and wished him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Reference document: C/ES.25/SR.4
