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GENERAL

The 122nd session of the Council was held from 15 to 19 July 2019 and was chaired by Mr. Xiaojie Zhang (China). The Vice-Chair, Mr. Edmundo Deville del Campo (Peru), was also present.

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

The session was attended by non-members and observers as listed in document C 122/INF.1.

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1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (agenda item 1)

1.1 The Council adopted the agenda and its provisional timetable, contained in documents C 122/1 and C 122/1/1.

Reference documents: C 122/1 and C 122/1/1

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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 all Council Member delegations attending the session were found to be in order.

Reference document: C 122/2

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3 STRATEGY, PLANNING AND REFORM (agenda item 3)

(a) Strategy and planning

3(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/3(a), C 122/3(a)/1 and C 122/3(a)/2 (Canada, Chile, Cook Islands, Jamaica, Liberia, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea and Singapore), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegation of Singapore, on Strategy and planning.

3(a).2 With regard to document C 122/3(a), the Council, in particular, noted the Secretariat Business Plan for the 2020-2021 biennium, as set out in the annex to the document, and expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for revising the Business Plan and aligning it more closely with the strategic directions.

3(a).3 In relation to document C 122/3(a)/1, the Council expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for developing a Strategy for the IMO Secretariat to identify, analyse and address emerging issues and opportunities to further support Member States in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and requested the Secretariat to report back on progress on the implementation of this Strategy at an upcoming session of the Council, taking into account all comments received.

3(a).4 With regard to document C 122/3(a)/2, the Council expressed its appreciation to the co-sponsors of the document, agreed to commence discussions on a plan for the Organization's long-term work, and invited Member States to submit proposals or information on preparing or positioning IMO for the future to the 124th session of the Council.

Reference documents: C 122/3(a), C 122/3(a)/1 and C 122/3(a)/2

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(b) Reform

3(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/3(b) (Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Palau, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom), C 122/3(b)/1, C 122/3(b)/2 (Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Brazil, France, Georgia, Nigeria and Ukraine), C 122/3(b)/3 (Brazil), C 122/3(b)/4 (United Arab Emirates), C 122/3(b)/5 (Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Belgium, Finland, France, Georgia, Jamaica, Norway, Republic of Korea, Sweden and Ukraine), C 122/3(b)/6 (Australia and Georgia), C 122/3(b)/7 (Brazil, Mexico, Peru, Spain, Ukraine and United Arab Emirates), C 122/3(b)/8 (Egypt), C 122/3(b)/9 (Algeria), C 122/3(b)/10 (Canada, Cyprus, Japan, Spain, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States), C 122/3(b)/11 (Chile) and C 122/3(b)/12 (China), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General; the delegations of the United Arab Emirates,

Australia, Brazil, Spain, Egypt, Algeria, United States, Chile and China; and the Chair of the Working Group on Council Reform, on matters pertaining to the reform of the Council.

3(b).2 With regard to the issue of the introduction of electronic voting, the Council noted that it required more time and information to progress with the deliberations on the matter and, to this end, requested the Secretariat to submit an analysis of the financial, legal and procedural consequences of the introduction of the electronic voting system, at its 124th session.

3(b).3 In relation to the issue of consolidated, official texts of IMO treaties, the Council noted that, due to its complexity and the financial consequences, the issue required more elaboration and, in this context, encouraged interested States to provide input to the Secretariat intersessionally. The Council requested the Secretariat to submit a report at its 124th session on the progress made.

3(b).4 The Council, as agreed at C 121, re-established the open-ended Working Group on Council Reform and, taking into account the comments and decisions made at C 120, C 121 and C 122, and all documents submitted under this agenda item, except document C 122/3(b) on electronic voting; and documents C 121/3(b)/5 paragraphs 23 to 25, and C 122/3(b)/5, paragraph 7, on consolidated, official texts of IMO treaties; instructed the Working Group to:

- (i) continue discussions on the Council size and term with a view to reaching an agreement;
- (ii) continue the discussion on the composition of the Council with a view to finalizing it at a future session of the Council, prior to A 32;
- (iii) further consider the amendments to rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, with a view to the Council making a final decision on the proposal of the Secretary-General in document C 120/5/2, so that, if approved, it could be forwarded to the Assembly for adoption;
- (iv) consider the guidelines for the conduct of elections in document C 122/3(b)/10, with a view to finalization so that the Council could forward them to the Assembly for approval;
- (v) continue the discussions on the *Rules and guidelines for consultative status of non-governmental international organizations with the International Maritime Organization*, with a view to finalizing them at this session, using the current text of the guidelines as the basis taking into account the comments and decisions made at C 121;
- (vi) discuss transparency and access to information;
- (vii) consider live-streaming of IMO meetings;
- (viii) consider the issue of the election of the Secretary-General by the Assembly and advise the Council accordingly;
- (ix) update the workplan of the Working Group; and
- (x) submit a report to the Council by Thursday, 18 July 2019.

3(b).5 The Council approved the report of the Working Group (document C 122/WP.4) in general and, in particular:

- (i) agreed to recommend to the Assembly the expansion of the composition of the Council to 52 Members;
- (ii) agreed to recommend to the Assembly the extension of the term of the Members of the Council to four years;
- (iii) noted the progress made on the issue of the composition of the Council and that the majority of the Group was in favour of retaining the criteria in Article 17 of the IMO Convention;
- (iv) noted the discussion of the Group that the development of guidance on consistent application of Article 17 of the IMO Convention on the basis of document C 122/3(b)/7 would be useful to assist Member States in casting their votes; and that it would help candidates to present their candidatures in line with Article 17;
- (v) agreed to recommend to the Assembly that 12 seats should be allocated to categories (a) and (b) each and 28 seats to category (c);
- (vi) noted the progress made on the issue of geographical regions and representation and the complexity of the matter and encouraged Member States to submit concrete proposals to C 124 for further consideration of this issue;
- (vii) noted the recommendation of the Group to continue the practice of taking into account all documents submitted to previous sessions of the Council in respect of which a final conclusion had not yet been reached;
- (viii) approved the amendments to rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly for submission to A 31, with a view to adoption;
- (ix) approved the text of the draft Assembly resolution on Ethical considerations and guidelines for conduct of IMO Council election campaigns for submission to A 31, with a view to adoption;
- (x) approved the revised text of the *Rules and guidelines for consultative status of non-governmental international organizations with the International Maritime Organization* for submission to A 31 with a view to adoption, and instructed the Secretariat to prepare a draft Assembly resolution to that effect;
- (xi) noted the progress made on the revised IMO *Media terms and conditions*, and that any further submissions on this subject could be discussed at C ES.30;
- (xii) noted the decision of the Group that live-streaming should be made available for Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status for meetings of the Assembly, Council and committees;
- (xiii) requested the Secretariat to provide information on the financial implications of live-streaming;
- (xiv) noted the discussions of the Group concerning live-streaming to the general public;

- (xv) noted the recommendation of the Group that the election of the Secretary-General should remain with the Council; and
- (xvi) approved the work plan of the Working Group on Council Reform, except that the Working Group would not reconvene at C/ES.30.

3(b).6 The Council endorsed the re-establishment of the Working Group on Council Reform at C 124.

3(b).7 The Council expressed its appreciation to the Working Group and its Chair for the work done.

Reference documents: C 122/3(b), C 122/3(b)/1, C 122/3(b)/2, C 122/3(b)/3,
C 122/3(b)/4, C 122/3(b)/5, C 122/3(b)/6, C 122/3(b)/7,
C 122/3(b)/8, C 122/3(b)/9, C 122/3(b)/10, C 122/3(b)/11,
C 122/3(b)/12 and C 122/WP.4

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(c) Joint Inspection Unit

3(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/3(c), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on matters relating to the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU).

3(c).2 The Council noted in particular:

- (i) the general information on the recent JIU reports and the associated recommendations excerpted as shown in annexes 1 and 2 to the document;
- (ii) the Secretary-General's comments and action plans regarding the recommendations addressed to him, and supported them; and
- (iii) the recommendation on remote participation and the actions which were being taken by the Secretariat.

3(c).3 The Council accepted the recommendation addressed to the legislative body on review of periodic reports and endorsed the appropriate action plan provided by the Secretary-General.

3(c).4 The Council noted the update of the status of implementation of recommendations in the past 10 years from 2009 to 2018, and requested the Secretary-General to provide the Council with the target implementation dates for all the recommendations, at its 124th session.

Reference document: C 122/3(c)

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4 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (agenda item 4)

(a) Human resources matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

4(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/4(a) and C 122/4(a)/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on human resources matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.

Reference documents: C 122/4(a) and C 122/4(a)/1

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(b) Financial report and audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2018

4(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/4(b), as well as that provided orally by the Auditor-General of Ghana and the Secretary-General, on the Organization's financial report and audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018, and the External Auditor's Report and opinion thereon.

4(b).2 The Council in particular:

- (i) noted the Organization's financial report, the statement on internal control and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018;
- (ii) welcomed the unqualified opinion of the External Auditor;
- (iii) expressed its appreciation to the External Auditor for his report; and
- (iv) welcomed the Secretary-General's stewardship of the Organization's Funds and his report to the Council.

4(b).3 The Council decided to forward the Organization's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 2018 and the External Auditor's report and opinion thereon to the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly.

Reference document: C 122/4(b)

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(c) Report on investments

4(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/4(c), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on investments in 2018.

Reference document: C 122/4(c)

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(d) Report on the status of Member States' contributions to the General Fund and the Working Capital Fund, as well as on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention

4(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/4(d), as well as the update provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of Member States' contributions to the General Fund and the Working Capital Fund as at 30 June 2019, as well as on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention, which relates to the right to vote.

4(d).2 The Council in particular:

- (i) urged all Member States to fulfil their financial obligations; and
- (ii) reiterated its firm stance on the strict enforcement of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

Reference document: C 122/4(d)

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(e) Budgetary matters for 2019

4(e).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/4(e), C 122/4(e)/1 and C 122/INF.4, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on budgetary matters for 2019.

4(e).2 With regard to document C 122/4(e), the Council welcomed the Secretary-General's careful stewardship of the Organization's funds and, in this respect, noted:

- (i) the review of the key budget assumptions and risks, including the impact of the exchange rate on the Working Capital Fund;
- (ii) the forecast level of the regular budget expenditure for 2019, expected to be kept within the approved appropriation;
- (iii) the income and expenditure and forecast in the Trading Fund and the consequential in-year surplus distribution;
- (iv) the expenditure status of the Headquarters Capital Fund, the Training and Development Fund and the Technical Cooperation Fund (TC Fund);
- (v) the expenditure status of the Termination Benefit Fund, and approved the proposed revised budget for that Fund to be funded from the resources available in the regular budget;
- (vi) the funding and delivery of the Organization's extra-budgetary programmes; and
- (vii) the summary and the Secretary-General's conclusion that as a whole, expenditure for 2019 could be contained within the budgets approved for all funds, and his intention to present an updated review of budgetary prospects to the thirtieth extraordinary session of the Council.

4(e).3 The Council authorized the Secretary-General to make, as and when necessary, timely transfers between strategic directions (including "Other work") to the extent that balances were available to cover or reduce deficits in strategic directions (including "Other work") appropriation balances, in accordance with the Organization's Financial Regulations and Financial Rules.

4(e).4 With regard to document C 122/4(e)/1 on the After Service Health Insurance (ASHI) liability management and funding, the Council:

- (i) approved the interim funding measure to set aside the 2019 regular budget savings, net of any transfers, in the Organization's Termination Benefit Fund for the purposes of funding ASHI, as proposed in paragraph 12 of the document;
- (ii) urged the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to explore long-term solutions; and
- (iii) noted that the Secretary-General would update the Council on this matter at its 124th session.

Reference documents: C 122/4(e), C 122/4(e)/1 and C 122/INF.4

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(f) Report on the Functional Review

4(f).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/4(f), C 122/4(f)/1 and C 122/INF.3, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, reporting on the Functional Review project, Review of Funds, as well as the review of the Organization's catering services.

4(f).2 The Council noted in particular that further updates on the funds management work would be provided as part of the regular updates on the Functional Review.

Reference documents: C 122/4(f), C 122/4(f)/1 and C 122/INF.3

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5 RESULTS-BASED BUDGET FOR 2020-2021 (agenda item 5)

5.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/5, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the results-based budget for 2020-2021 and outline of budgetary implications.

5.2 The Council in particular:

- (i) endorsed the Organization's regular budget staff complement for the 2020-2021 biennium, which remained unchanged at 265 from the current biennium;
- (ii) noted that the budget outline was set on the basis of 34.0 meeting weeks (comprising 17.4 weeks for 2020 and 16.6 weeks for 2021) for the next biennium's IMO meetings with full interpretation services;

- (iii) approved in principle the regular budget for the 2020-2021 biennium of £72,129,000, comprising an appropriation of £35,983,000 for 2020 and an appropriation of £36,146,000 for 2021;
- (iv) noted the budgetary assumption indicators, the sensitivity of the budget to changes in those assumptions, and the mitigating mechanisms in place where appropriate, and noted that, in submitting the detailed results-based budget to the Assembly, these assumptions might be updated to reflect changing circumstances;
- (v) endorsed the proposed budget plan for the Organization's other Funds;
- (vi) agreed to the financing of the biennial appropriation by assessments upon Member States of £66,719,000, comprising an assessment of £33,300,000 for 2020 and £33,419,000 for 2021, while endorsing the proposal to use, for the reduction of the assessment, offsetting income;
- (vii) approved in principle the formula for the distribution of the Trading Fund surplus, and transmitted it to the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly for adoption;
- (viii) noted and approved the Secretary-General's proposed reforms to the Organization's fund structures to streamline the flow of funds; and
- (ix) noted that the Secretary-General would submit to the Council at its thirtieth extraordinary session, for its consideration, his detailed results-based budget, reflecting the conclusions and decisions of its 122nd session, together with a related draft Assembly resolution.

5.3 The Council encouraged the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to keep the budget in balance through efficiency and good management.

Reference document: C 122/5

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6 IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME (agenda item 6)

6.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/6 and C 122/6/1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

6.2 With regard to document C 122/6, the Council:

- (i) endorsed the revised overall audit schedule set out in the annex to the document, including the decision to postpone the audits of Haiti, Libya and Mozambique, for the reasons provided in paragraph 5 of the document;
- (ii) encouraged those Member States that had not yet done so to provide the Secretariat with the details of an individual authorized to access Member State audit reports through the GISIS module as per Circular Letter No.3587;
- (iii) invited those audited Member States whose target deadlines for the implementation of the corrective action plan had been reached to provide the Secretariat with their comments on the progress of the implementation of their corrective action plans; and

- (iv) encouraged auditors to update their profiles in the E-roster, and also encouraged individuals nominated for inclusion in the roster of auditors, as well as Member States nominating such individuals, to use the procedures set out in Circular Letter No.3547.

6.3 With regard to document C 122/6/1, the Council:

- (i) endorsed, in principle, the general approach for the further development of the Scheme; and
- (ii) requested the Secretary-General to, taking into account the comments made in plenary, submit detailed documentation as indicated in paragraph 19 of the document, including draft terms of reference for the re-establishment of the Joint Working Group, to the Council at its 124th session.

Reference documents: C 122/6 and C 122/6/1

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7 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 7)

7.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/7, as well as that provided orally by the Chair of the Facilitation Committee and the Secretary-General, on the outcome of the Facilitation Committee at its forty-third session.

7.2 The Council in particular endorsed the decisions of the Committee to:

- (i) establish an IMO Expert Group on Data Harmonization which would meet intersessionally;
- (ii) convert the target completion year of the output on "Review and revision of the IMO Compendium on Facilitation and Electronic Business, including additional e-business solutions" (output 5.8) to continuous;
- (iii) include in its biennial agenda for 2020-2021 and the provisional agenda of FAL 44 a new output on "Guidance to address maritime corruption"; and
- (iv) add the Facilitation Committee as associated organ for the outputs:
 - .1 "Consideration of descriptions of Maritime Services in the context of e-navigation" (output 2.11); and
 - .2 "Regulatory scoping exercise for the use of maritime autonomous surface ships (MASS)" (output 2.7).

7.3 The Council also endorsed the proposed outputs of the Committee for the 2020-2021 biennium, and the intersessional meetings approved by the Committee for 2019 and 2020.

7.4 The Council approved the report of the forty-third session of the Committee in general and transmitted it, with its comments and recommendations, to the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference document: C 122/7

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8 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE (agenda item 8)

8.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/8, as well as that provided orally by the Chair of the Legal Committee and the Secretary-General, on the decisions and actions taken by the 106th session of the Committee.

8.2 The Council noted the draft Assembly resolution on *Measures to prevent the fraudulent registration and fraudulent registries of ships* which was approved by the Committee and transmitted it to the Assembly for adoption at its thirty-first regular session.

8.3 The Council endorsed the Secretary-General's proposal for the Secretariat to consider options for the development of a programme for the production of certified true copies of consolidated texts of all IMO conventions to assist in their implementation into domestic legislation; and that he would inform the Council on the outcome of this consideration at its 124th session, as part of the agenda item on Council reform.

8.4 The Council also endorsed:

- (i) the Committee's decisions on the status of outputs for the 2018-2019 biennium and on the outputs to be included in its post-biennial agenda;
- (ii) the planned agenda for the 107th session of the Committee; and
- (iii) the Committee's decision that two meetings should be adequate for the 2020-2021 biennium.

8.5 The Council authorized five meeting days with eight full sessions of interpretation for LEG 107, in view of the Committee's present workload.

8.6 The Council approved the report of the 106th session of the Committee in general and transmitted it, with its comments and recommendations, to the Assembly at its thirty-first regular session, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference document: C 122/8

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9 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (agenda item 9)

9.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/9, as well as that provided orally by the Chair of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Secretary-General, on the outcome of the seventy-fourth session of the Committee.

9.2 Following consideration, the Council endorsed:

- (i) the Committee's decision to include one new output in its biennial agenda for 2020-2021 and two new outputs in its post-biennial agenda; and
- (iii) the holding of the sixth and seventh meetings of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships, from 11 to 15 November 2019 and from 23 to 27 March 2020, respectively, and an intersessional meeting of the ESPH Working Group in 2020.

9.3 The Council approved the report of the seventy-fourth session of the Committee in general and transmitted it, with its comments and recommendations, to the Assembly at its thirty-first regular session, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

9.4 The Council also considered document C 122/9/1 (Belgium, Chile, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu), proposing the establishment of a voluntary multi-donor Trust Fund to facilitate the participation of developing countries, and in particular small island developing States (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs) in IMO meetings, and:

- (i) expressed its appreciation to the co-sponsors of the document for raising the issue;
- (ii) agreed that the participation of SIDS and LDCs in IMO meetings was an important issue which required further careful consideration with a view to identifying a long-term solution; and
- (iii) requested the Secretariat to:
 - .1 prepare an analysis of the proposal to establish a voluntary multi-donor Trust Fund, with a focus on the use of funds in the GHG emissions reduction processes, including detailed information on the practice of other United Nations organizations and the feasibility of establishing such a Fund, and based on this analysis;
 - .2 prepare draft terms of reference, including eligibility criteria, requirements and management requirements, as well as any relevant recommendations, for consideration by the Council at its thirtieth extraordinary session.

Reference documents: C 122/9 and C 122/9/1

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10 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON THE FORTIETH CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE LONDON CONVENTION 1972 AND THE THIRTEENTH 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 122/10, as well as that provided orally by the Chair of the LC/LP governing bodies and the Secretary-General, on the outcome of the fortieth Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention, 1972, and the thirteenth Meeting of Contracting Parties to the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention.

Reference document: C 122/10

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11 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (agenda item 11)

11.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/11 and C 122/11/1, as well as that provided orally by the Director of the Maritime Safety Division, on behalf of the Chair of the Maritime Safety Committee, and the Secretary-General, on the outcome of the 100th and 101st sessions of the Committee.

11.2 The Council endorsed:

- (i) the decision of the Committee to include one expanded and four new outputs in its 2018-2019 biennial agenda;
- (ii) the intersessional meetings approved by the Committee for 2019 to 2021;
- (iii) the decision to continue the current arrangement of an eight-day meeting for NCSR 8; and
- (iv) the proposed outputs of the Committee for the 2020-2021 biennium and noted that the Secretariat had been authorized to submit any further changes emanating from III 6 and CCC 6 directly to C/ES.30, as appropriate.

11.3 The Council approved the reports of the 100th and 101st sessions of the Committee in general and transmitted them, with its comments and recommendations, to the Assembly at its thirty-first regular session, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

11.4 The Council also considered the information set out in document C 122/11/2/Rev.1 (Liberia, Marshall Islands, Norway, United Arab Emirates and United States), as well as that provided orally by the delegation of the United States on maritime security measures for ships operating in the Strait of Hormuz and Sea of Oman and, in this regard:

- (i) recalled that, on 12 May 2019, the Saudi Arabian-flagged ships **Amjad** and **Al Marzoqah**, the Norwegian-flagged ship **Andrea Victory** and the United Arab Emirates-flagged ship **A.Michel** were attacked off the coast near Fujairah and suffered sabotage damage; and that, on 13 June 2019, the Marshall Islands-flagged ship **Front Altair** and the Panamanian-flagged ship **Kokuka Courageous** were attacked, suffering hull damage and fire, while located in the Sea of Oman near the Strait of Hormuz;
- (ii) expressed concern over the potential negative impact of such attacks on shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and Sea of Oman, and the grave danger to life and serious risks to navigational safety and the environment to which such incidents might give rise;
- (iii) condemned the unlawful attacks;
- (iv) reminded all flag States and shipowners and operators that it was necessary and important to implement appropriate security measures for their ships at all times; and
- (v) emphasized the need for flag States and shipowners and operators to review the maritime security plans for their ships and implement necessary measures to address the heightened security risk to their ships operating in the Strait of Hormuz and Sea of Oman.

11.5 The Council requested the Secretary-General to monitor the situation in relation to threats to ships operating in the Strait of Hormuz and Sea of Oman, and disseminate the Council's decision widely, through the media. The observer delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran registered its reservations regarding this decision.

Reference documents: C 122/11, C 122/11/1 and C 122/11/2/Rev.1

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12 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 12)

12.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/12 and C 122/12/Add.1, as well as that provided orally by the Acting Director of the Technical Cooperation Division, on behalf of the Chair of the Technical Cooperation Committee, and the Secretary-General, on the decisions and actions taken by the sixty-ninth session of the Committee.

12.2 The Council in particular approved:

- (i) the allocation and use of £10.8 million from the TC Fund to support the delivery of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) during 2020-2021;
- (ii) the proposed Revised rules of operation of the Technical Cooperation Fund; and
- (iii) a four-day session of TC 70 to allow the Working Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to meet for one day without interpretation.

12.3 The Council decided that it would consider the impact on the IMO Trading Fund and TC Fund when addressing the request of LEG 106 to initiate a programme to develop official versions of the consolidated texts of all IMO conventions to assist Member States in their ratification of IMO conventions and implementation into domestic legislation.

12.4 The Council authorized the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the sixty-ninth session of the Committee, with its comments and recommendations, to the Assembly at its thirty-first regular session, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.

Reference documents: C 122/12 and C 122/12/Add.1

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13 TECHNICAL COOPERATION FUND (agenda item 13)

(a) Report on activities of the 2018 programme

13(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/13(a), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the delivery of the ITCP activities supported by the TC Fund during 2018.

Reference documents: C 122/13(a), TC 69/3(a) and TC 69/3(a)/Add.1

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(b) Biennial allocation to support ITCP for 2020-2021

13(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/13(b), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the biennial allocation to support ITCP for 2020-2021.

13(b).2 The Council in particular:

- (i) endorsed the proposals contained in document TC 69/3(c), taking into account the views and recommendations of TC 69; and
- (ii) approved the use of the TC Fund for the proposed activities under ITCP for 2020 and 2021.

Reference documents: C 122/13(b) and TC 69/3(c)

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14 PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES (agenda item 14)

14.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/14 and C 122/INF.6 (Bangladesh, China, Denmark, Japan, Norway, Republic of Korea, Philippines, Singapore, United States, Viet Nam and ReCAAP-ISC), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on recent developments concerning the Cooperative Mechanism in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore and the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia – Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP-ISC), respectively.

14.2 With regard to document C 122/14, the Council in particular:

- (i) expressed its appreciation to the littoral States of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore for the timely implementation of the various components of the Cooperative Mechanism in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore;
- (ii) also expressed its appreciation to those Member States and organizations which had made contributions to the Cooperative Mechanism and to the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Trust Fund; and
- (iii) invited Member States and organizations to further contribute to the Mechanism, and also to the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Trust Fund.

14.3 In relation to document C 122/INF.6, the Council expressed its appreciation to the co-sponsors for providing an update on the successful model of ReCAAP-ISC's incident reporting and response framework in Asia based on circulars MSC.1/Circ.1333/Rev.1 and MSC.1/Circ.1334, and focusing on the role of coastal States in receiving incident reporting and deploying their assets to assist victim ships.

Reference documents: C 122/14 and C 122/INF.6

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15 WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY (agenda item 15)

15.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/15 and C 122/15/1, as well as that provided orally by the President of the World Maritime University (WMU), on the report of the Board of Governors and budget of the University.

15.2 With regard to document C 122/15, the Council, in particular:

- (i) noted the Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University for the calendar year 2018;
- (ii) urged Member States once more to take action so as to enable recognition, under their national legislation, of the degrees conferred by the University and, to that end, keep the Organization informed of developments;
- (iii) noted that the Government of Sweden was committed to taking urgent measures with a view to the recognition of WMU degrees;
- (iv) strongly urged Member States and shipping industry stakeholders to contact WMU to establish what they could offer, in terms of equipment and facilities, to support the new academic facilities;
- (v) expressed its appreciation to those donors who had contributed to the WMU Endowment Fund and urged Governments and organizations to provide financial contributions to the Fund; and
- (vi) expressed its appreciation to Mr. Torben Skaanild for the exemplary service rendered to the University in his capacity as Chair of the Executive Board.

15.3 In relation to document C 122/15/1, the Council:

- (i) noted the University's Revised Budget for 2019 and Initial Budget for 2020 as set out in annexes 1 and 2 of the document;
- (ii) welcomed the efforts by the University's management to attract additional revenue; and
- (iii) reiterated its appreciation to those Governments and organizations that had supported the University financially and through the provision of fellowships, and, in particular, the Government of Sweden, the City of Malmö and the Nippon Foundation.

Reference documents: C 122/15 and C 122/15/1

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16 ASSEMBLY MATTERS (agenda item 16)

(a) Provisional agenda for the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly

16(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/16(a), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, and approved the provisional agenda for the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly, as contained in the document.

Reference document: C 122/16(a)

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(b) Preparations for the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly

16(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/16(b) and C 122/J/4, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the practical arrangements for the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly,

Reference documents: C 122/16(b) and C 122/J/4

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(c) Draft report of the Council to the Assembly on the work of the Organization since the thirtieth regular session of the Assembly

16(c).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/16(c), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the draft report of the Council to the Assembly on the work of the Organization since the thirtieth regular session of the Assembly.

16(c).2 The Council approved the report, subject to such changes as may be deemed necessary and any developments which may occur between the issue of the document and the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly. The Council noted that any such changes or revisions would be reported to the Council for consideration and approval at its thirtieth extraordinary session, immediately before the Assembly session.

Reference document: C 122/16(c)

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(d) Appointment of the External Auditor

16(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/16(d), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, and invited interested Member States to submit nominations for the appointment of the Organization's External Auditor, who would also act as the External Auditor for the World Maritime University and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, by 20 September 2019, to allow time for the preparation of a relevant submission to the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly.

Reference document: C 122/16(d)

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17 EXTERNAL RELATIONS (agenda item 17)

17.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/INF.5 (Republic of Korea) providing information on the 2019 Korea Maritime Week, which was held from 16 to 17 April 2019 in Seoul.

(a) Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies

17(a).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/17(a), C 122/17(a)/1 and C 122/INF.7, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

17(a).2 With regard to document C 122/17(a), the Council in particular:

- (i) noted the information provided by the Secretary-General with respect to the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, containing information of relevance to IMO, received since the 120th session of the Council; and
- (ii) requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of any relevant developments on the issues addressed.

17(a).3 In relation to document C 122/17(a)/1, the Council in particular:

- (i) noted the information on the outcome of the second session of the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ);
- (ii) requested the Secretary-General to remain actively involved in the BBNJ process to ensure that the role and mandate of IMO was reflected in the proposed international legal instrument; and
- (iii) also requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of any relevant developments on the subject.

17(a).4 With regard to document C 122/INF.7, the Council noted the information provided in the document on the draft agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction and its relevance to the Organization.

Reference documents: C 122/17(a), C 122/17(a)/1, C 122/INF.5 and C 122/INF.7

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(b) Relations with intergovernmental organizations

17(b).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/17(b), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, with respect to the application by IMO for observer status at the Arctic Council.

17(b).2 The Council, in particular, noted that, in accordance with Article 25 of the IMO Convention, the observer status granted to IMO by the Arctic Council would be submitted to the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly for its endorsement.

Reference document: C 122/17(b)

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(c) Relations with non-governmental organizations

17(c).1 The Council established a group of Council Members to screen new applications for consultative status with IMO and to conduct a preliminary review of the list of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO, and instructed the group to submit a report with its recommendations to the Council.

17(c).2 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/17(c), C 122/17(c)/1 and C 122/WP.3, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the group of Council Members, on relations with non-governmental organizations.

17(c).3 Having considered the report of the group of Council Members, contained in document C 122/WP.3, and the provisions in the *Rules and guidelines for consultative status of non-governmental international organizations with the International Maritime Organization* ("the Rules and Guidelines"), the Council decided:

- (i) not to grant consultative status to the following non-governmental organizations:
 - .1 the International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC);
 - .2 the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME);
 - .3 the Port Equipment Manufacturers Association (PEMA);
 - .4 the World LPG Association (WLPGA);
 - .5 The International Federation of Inspection Agencies (IFIA); and
 - .6 the International Superyacht Society (ISS).
- (ii) to withdraw the International Road Transport Union's consultative status and to advise the Assembly accordingly;
- (iii) to send a letter to the International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association, Inc. (IVODGA) to remind it of its obligations under the Rules and Guidelines and inform it that, should there be no improvement in its performance during the next review period, its status might be withdrawn; and
- (iv) to send a letter to the International Ocean Institute (IOI) to remind it of the necessity to fulfil its obligations in accordance with the Rules and Guidelines and that, despite its valuable work other than meeting participation, it should make every effort to participate in relevant IMO meetings for the benefit of the Organization.

17(c).4 The Council also decided to maintain the consultative status for all other organizations listed in document C 122/17(c)/1, and to submit a recommendation to this effect to the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly.

17(c).5 The Council emphasized the requirement for all non-governmental organizations in consultative status to contribute substantially to the work of IMO.

17(c).6 The Council endorsed the Group's recommendation to request organizations in consultative status with IMO to provide in their periodic reports the information on meetings and conferences convened by them or under their auspices to which IMO found it necessary or useful to send representation.

17(c).7 The Council further decided that the Secretariat could discontinue the preparation of annex 3 of its document on the periodic review of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO relating to information on its attendance at meetings of non-governmental organizations in consultative status.

17(c).8 The Council noted that the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd. had changed its name to ITOPF Ltd.

Reference documents: C 122/17(c), C 122/17(c)/1 and C 122/WP.3

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(d) World Maritime Day

17(d).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/17(d) and C 122/17(d)/1 (Canada, Georgia, Ghana and Malta), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegation of Malta, on World Maritime Day.

17(d).2 With regard to document C 122/17(d), the Council in particular:

- (i) noted, with appreciation, that the 15th World Maritime Day Parallel Event would be hosted by the Government of the Republic of Colombia from 15 to 17 September 2019, and looked forward to it being another successful edition of a gathering of such importance for the maritime community;
- (ii) accepted, with appreciation, the generous offer by the Government of the United Arab Emirates to host the Parallel Event in 2023; and
- (iii) noted that offers to host the 2024 Parallel Event would only be accepted from 2 January 2020 at 00:01, London time.

17(d).3 With regard to document C 122/17(d)/1 proposing a draft Assembly resolution on preserving the legacy of World Maritime Day 2019 and achieving a barrier-free working environment for women in shipping, the Council decided to form an intersessional correspondence group under the coordination of Malta,¹ with the following terms of reference:

- (i) further consider the draft Assembly resolution set out in the annex to document C 122/17(d)/1, taking into account the comments made in plenary during C 122; and
- (ii) submit a report to the thirtieth extraordinary session of the Council, including a revised text of the resolution, with a view towards its finalization, for transmission to the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly, for adoption.

17(d).4 The Council endorsed the 2020 theme – "Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet" – and authorized the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements for the celebration of World Maritime Day, in accordance with established practice.

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17(d).5 The Council noted that the 2019 World Maritime Day would be celebrated at IMO Headquarters on Thursday, 26 September 2019.

Reference documents: C 122/17(d) and C 122/17(d)/1

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(e) Day of the Seafarer

17(e).1 The Council noted the information provided orally by the Secretary-General on the Day of the Seafarer 2019 and expressed its appreciation to all those who had worked to organize the celebration of the Day to make it a success.

Reference document: No document submitted

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(f) International Maritime Prize

17(f).1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/17(f), as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the International Maritime Prize.

17(f).2 The Council, following a secret ballot conducted in accordance with rule 35 of its Rules of Procedure, determined the recipient of the 2018 International Maritime Prize to be Mr. Joseph J. Angelo, nominated by the Government of the United States of America and the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO) for his invaluable commitment to the work and objectives of the Organization.

17(f).3 The Council expressed its appreciation to the other candidate for the 2018 International Maritime Prize, Admiral Mohab Mohamed Hussein Mameesh, nominated by the Government of Egypt for his impressive credentials.

17(f).4 The Council also expressed its appreciation to all nominating authorities for proposing such outstanding candidates for the Prize.

17(f).5 The Council noted and endorsed the measures taken and those proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of the 2019 Prize, as well as those for the recognition of the candidate not selected to receive the 2018 Prize. The Council also noted that the IMO Awards Ceremony for the 2018 Prize would take place on Monday, 25 November 2019, at the IMO Headquarters.

Reference document: C 122/17(f)

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(g) IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea

17(g).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/17(g) and C 122/17/(g)/Add.1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

17(g).2 The Council endorsed the decision of the Panel of Judges to bestow the 2019 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea on Aviation Survival Technician Second Class

Michael W. Kelly, Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, United States Coast Guard, nominated by the United States of America, for his great display of courage, perseverance and skill in the rescue operation of four survivors found in a liferaft, in the midst of extremely high winds and heavy seas.

17(g).3 In addition, the Council endorsed the decision of the Panel of Judges that Certificates of Commendation in recognition of their acts of bravery should be awarded to the following nominees (not in any order of merit):

- (i) The members of the emergency rescue team involved in the rescue operation of the dredger **Rong Chang 8**, Guangzhou Salvage, nominated by China.
- (ii) Corvette Lieutenant of the Naval Infantry Juan Mateo Cabrera (posthumously), Secretariat of the Navy (SEMAR), Mexican Navy, nominated by Mexico.
- (iii) The Master and crew of the M/V **APL Vancouver**, nominated by Singapore.
- (iv) The Master and crew of the M/V **Green Lake**, nominated by the United States.

17(g).4 The Council also endorsed the decision of the Panel of Judges that Letters of Commendation in recognition of their courageous actions should be sent to the following nominees (not in any order of merit):

- (i) Captain Huang Zhibin, Commander of the rescue helicopter B-7310, Donghai Rescue Bureau, nominated by China.
- (ii) Lieutenant Commander Julien Kervago, Sub-lieutenant Alexandre Guillet, Petty Officer Brice Jarreau and Petty Officer William Leprêtre, crew members of the helicopter Panther, Flotilla 36F, French Navy, nominated by France.
- (iii) Captain Manuel B. Balinquit, Master of the M/V **Star Norita**, nominated by the Philippines.
- (iv) Captain Heo Yeong-il, Master of the fishing vessel **2017 Manseok**, nominated by the Republic of Korea.
- (v) The Captain and crew of the patrol vessel **3010**, Gunsan Coast Guard Station, Republic of Korea Coast Guard, nominated by the Republic of Korea.
- (vi) Captain Oleg Goncharov, Master of the floating plant/fish factory vessel **Dalmos**, nominated by the Russian Federation.
- (vii) Mr. Mykhailo Myroniuk, Second Officer of the tanker **Anuket Amber**, nominated by Ukraine.
- (viii) The crews of the Motor Lifeboats **MLB 47295** and **MLB 47229**, Station Umpqua River, United States Coast Guard, nominated by the United States.

17(g).5 The Council extended its congratulations to AST2 Michael W. Kelly, the recipient of the 2019 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea. The Council also extended its congratulations to the recipients of Certificates and Letters of Commendation and expressed appreciation to all the remaining candidates and to the Governments and organizations which had nominated such worthy candidates for the Award.

17(g).6 The Council noted and endorsed the arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of the 2019 Awards ceremony, which would be held at IMO Headquarters on the first day of the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly, on 25 November 2019. The Council also noted the invitation for nominations for the 2020 Award and for the "Special recognition for merchant vessels and their crew involved in the rescue of mixed migrants at sea".

Reference documents: C 122/17(g) and C 122/17(g)/Add.1

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(h) IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador Scheme

17(h).1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/17(h) and C 122/INF.2, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador Scheme.

17(h).2 The Council in particular endorsed the improvements to the Scheme described in document C 122/17(h) and by the Secretary-General in his intervention.

Reference documents: C 122/17(h) and C 122/INF.2

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18 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION (agenda item 18)

18.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/18, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of the IMO Convention and membership of the Organization.

18.2 The Council encouraged, endorsed and supported the Secretary-General in his efforts to make IMO and its work more widely known and to ensure that it maintained its deserved position in the global maritime community. The Council also encouraged the Secretary-General to continue assisting all Member States, in particular developing countries, to participate fully and effectively in the work of the Organization.

Reference document: C 122/18

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19 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS (agenda item 19)

19.1 The Council noted the information set out in documents C 122/19 and C 122/19/Add.1, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs functions.

19.2 The Council endorsed and supported the Secretary-General's continuing efforts to encourage Governments to consider accepting those instruments to which they were not yet parties; and reiterated its plea to Member Governments to ratify the 2009 Hong Kong Ship Recycling Convention, the 2012 Cape Town Agreement and the 2010 HNS Protocol, to enable their entry into force as soon as possible.

19.3 The Council welcomed all ratifications during the period under review and endorsed the Secretary-General's request for further ratifications, in order to achieve widespread effective implementation and enforcement.

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20 PLACE, DATE AND DURATION OF THE NEXT TWO SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL (C/ES.30 and C 123) (agenda item 20)

20.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/20, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General on the place, date and duration of the next two sessions of the Council.

20.2 The Council confirmed that its thirtieth extraordinary session would be held at the Headquarters of the Organization on Thursday, 21 November and Friday, 22 November 2019 and that budgetary provisions would be made for four sessions with full interpretation over a two-day meeting.

20.3 The Council also confirmed that its 123rd regular session would be held at the IMO Headquarters at the conclusion of the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly on Thursday, 5 December 2019 and that budgetary provisions would be made for two sessions with full interpretation services over this one-day meeting.

Reference document: C 122/20

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21 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS (agenda item 21)

21.1 The Council noted the information set out in document C 122/21, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the election of Members of the IMO Staff Pension Committee.

21.2 The Council, noting that the terms of office of the member and alternate member representing the IMO Governing Body were due to expire at the end of 2019, expressed its appreciation to Ms. Azara Prempeh of Ghana and to Mr. Heinz Decker of Germany for their services to the Staff Pension Committee.

21.3 The Council invited Member States to submit nominations to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Staff Pension Committee for either a member or an alternate member for the 2020-2021 biennium, by 30 September 2019.

Reference document: C 122/21

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