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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR
THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS'
BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004**

**Eleventh meeting of the GESAMP* - Ballast Water Working Group
established in accordance with the Procedure for approval of ballast water management
systems that make use of Active Substances (G9)**

1 In accordance with paragraph 5 of BWM.2/Circ.18, Member Governments were invited to submit their proposals for approval of ballast water management systems that make use of Active Substances as soon as possible, but not later than 28 August 2009. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received nine proposals for approval.

2 With the view to facilitating the evaluation of as many proposals as possible submitted before the above deadline, MEPC 59 agreed that an additional meeting of the GESAMP-BWWG could be organized if more than four proposals for approval of ballast water management systems were received for the sixtieth session of the Committee. Consequently, an additional meeting (GESAMP-BWWG 12) has been scheduled from 7 to 11 December 2009. The report of this meeting will be processed as a matter of urgency with the necessary relaxation of the deadline for submissions to MEPC 60 and with its annexes in English only (please see document MEPC 58/23, paragraph 2.15).

3 Member Governments are invited to bring this information to the attention of all concerned.

* GESAMP stands for "IMO/FAO/UNESCO-IOC/WMO/IAEA/UN/UNEP/UNIDO Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection".