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

**Twentieth 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)  
to be held from 12 to 16 December 2011 at IMO Headquarters**

1 In accordance with paragraph 7 of BWM.2/Circ.31, 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 2 September 2011. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received 10 proposals for approval.

2 MEPC 62 noted that, if more than four proposals for approval of ballast water management systems were received before 2 September 2011 for consideration by MEPC 63, the GESAMP-BWWG had agreed to hold an additional meeting with a view to facilitating the evaluation of as many proposals as possible. Following this arrangement, GESAMP-BWWG 19 was held from 31 October to 5 November 2011 and an additional meeting (GESAMP-BWWG 20) has been scheduled from 12 to 16 December 2011. The report of the additional meeting will be processed as a matter of urgency with the necessary relaxation of the deadline for submissions to MEPC 63 and with its annexes in English only.

3 Any proposal for approval that has not been reviewed at the additional meeting (i.e. the twentieth meeting), due to time constraints, will be reviewed at the earliest meetings of the Group after MEPC 63 and reported to MEPC 64.

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

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