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

**Twenty-seventh meeting (additional) 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 9 to 13 December 2013 at IMO Headquarters**

Background

1 In accordance with paragraph 7 of BWM.2/Circ.47, 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 13 September 2013. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received six proposals for approval.

2 MEPC 65 noted that, if more than four proposals for approval of ballast water management systems were received before 13 September 2013 for consideration by MEPC 66, 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 26 is scheduled from 28 October to 1 November 2013 and an additional meeting (GESAMP-BWWG 27) has been scheduled from 9 to 13 December 2013. 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 66 and with its annexes in English only.

3 Any proposal for approval that has not been reviewed at the additional meeting (i.e. the 27th meeting), due to time constraints, will be reviewed at the earliest meetings of the Group after MEPC 66 and reported to MEPC 67.

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

* 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".