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

**Fourth meeting of the GESAMP*-Ballast Water Working Group
established in accordance with resolution MEPC.126(53) and dates for future meetings**

- 1 In accordance with paragraph 6 of BWM.2/Circ.10, Members 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 7 September 2007. By the aforementioned deadline, the Secretariat had received seven proposals for approval.
- 2 Bearing in mind that only a maximum of three application dossiers could be reviewed by GESAMP-BWWG at one meeting, and desiring to facilitate the development of new ballast water technologies and to alleviate the concern of the shipping industry regarding their timely availability, the Secretariat approached the members of the Group with a view to having an additional meeting.
- 3 Based on the acceptance by the GESAMP-BWWG to have an additional meeting and following authorization by the Chairman of the MEPC, it was decided to hold the fifth meeting of the Group from 14 to 18 January 2008 and to process the report of the Group as a matter of urgency to facilitate its consideration by MEPC 57.
- 4 Member Governments are invited to bring this information to the attention of all concerned.

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