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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS'
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**Thirteenth 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 7 of BWM.2/Circ.24, 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 1 April 2010. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received 13 proposals for approval.

2 With the view to facilitating the evaluation of as many proposals as possible, MEPC 60 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 sixty-first session of the Committee before the established deadline. Consequently, an additional meeting (GESAMP-BWWG 14) has been scheduled from 19 to 23 July 2010. The report of this meeting will be processed as a matter of urgency with the necessary relaxation of the deadline for submissions to MEPC 61 and with its annexes in English only.

3 Any proposal for approval that is not reviewed in the thirteenth meeting and the additional meeting, i.e. the fourteenth meeting, due to time constraints, will be reviewed at the earliest meetings of the Group after MEPC 61 and reported to MEPC 62.

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/UNEP/UNIDO Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection".