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

**Eighth 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.15, 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 19 December 2008. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received 12 proposals for approval.

2 Based on the decision made by MEPC 58, two meetings of the GESAMP-BWWG have been organized from 16 to 20 February 2009 and from 23 to 27 March 2009. The reports of the two meetings mentioned above (GESAMP-BWWG-8 and GESAMP-BWWG-9) will be submitted for consideration by MEPC 59.

3 Due to the limited time between two consecutive sessions of the MEPC, the GESAMP-BWWG could only meet twice and was able to evaluate eight proposals for approval in their chronological order of submission. With a view to facilitating the consideration of as many ballast water management systems as possible by the MEPC and in anticipation of an increasing workload for year 2010, the GESAMP-BWWG agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting (GESAMP-BWWG-10), tentatively scheduled from 14 to 18 September 2009, to evaluate the remaining four proposals submitted by the deadline of 19 December 2008 and to report to MEPC 60.

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