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

**Twenty-third 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 25 to 29 June 2012 at IMO Headquarters**

1 In accordance with paragraph 7 of BWM.2/Circ.36, 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 16 March 2012. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received six proposals for approval.

2 MEPC 63 noted that, if more than four proposals for approval of ballast water management systems were received before 16 March 2012 for consideration by MEPC 64, 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 22 is scheduled from 7 to 11 May 2012 and an additional meeting (GESAMP-BWWG 23) has been scheduled from 25 to 29 June 2012. 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 64 and with its annexes in English only.

3 Any proposal for approval that has not been reviewed at the additional meeting (i.e. the 23rd meeting), due to time constraints, will be reviewed at the earliest meetings of the Group after MEPC 64 and reported to MEPC 65.

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".