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

**Twenty-ninth 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 on 8 July 2014 at IMO Headquarters**

1 In accordance with paragraph 7 of BWM.2/Circ.50, 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 11 April 2014. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received four proposals for approval.

2 As agreed by MEPC 66, GESAMP-BWWG 28 was held from 5 to 9 May 2014, during which the Group evaluated three proposals for approval. An additional meeting (GESAMP-BWWG 29) has been scheduled for 8 July 2014, back to back with the sixth Stocktaking Workshop on the activity of the GESAMP-BWWG (9 to 11 July 2014), to finalize the evaluation of the fourth proposal for approval. The report of the additional meeting will be processed as a matter of urgency and submitted to MEPC 67, with its annexes in English only.

3 Any proposal for approval that has not been reviewed at the additional meeting (i.e. the twenty-ninth meeting), due to time constraints, will be reviewed at the earliest meetings of the Group after MEPC 67 and reported to MEPC 68.

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".