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

**Eighteenth meeting of the GESAMP* – Ballast Water Working Group (Extraordinary)
established in accordance with the Procedure for approval of ballast water
management systems that make use of Active Substances (G9)
to be held from 5 to 9 September 2011 at IMO Headquarters**

1 In accordance with paragraphs 5 and 7 of BWM.2/Circ.26, 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 17 December 2010. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received 11 proposals for approval.

2 Based on the decision made by MEPC 61, two meetings of the GESAMP-BWWG have been organized from 28 February to 4 March 2011 and from 2 to 6 May 2011. The reports of the two meetings mentioned above (GESAMP-BWWG 16 and GESAMP-BWWG 17) have been submitted for consideration by MEPC 62.

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. In accordance with paragraph 6 of BWM.2/Circ.26 and with a view to facilitating the consideration of as many ballast water management systems as possible by the MEPC in anticipation of an increasing workload for the year 2012, the GESAMP-BWWG agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting (GESAMP-BWWG 18), scheduled from 5 to 9 September 2011, to evaluate the remaining three proposals submitted by the deadline of 17 December 2010 and to report to MEPC 63.

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".