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

**Seventeenth 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.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 MEPC 61 noted that, if more than four proposals for approval of ballast water management systems were received before 17 December 2010 for consideration by MEPC 62, 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 16 was held from 28 February to 4 March 2011 and an additional meeting (GESAMP-BWWG 17) has been scheduled from 2 to 6 May 2011. The report of this meeting will be processed as a matter of urgency with the necessary relaxation of the deadline for submissions to MEPC 62 and with its annexes in English only.

3 Any proposal for approval that has not been reviewed at the sixteenth meeting and this additional meeting (i.e. the seventeenth meeting), due to time constraints, will be reviewed at the earliest meetings of the Group after MEPC 62 and reported 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".