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

**Extraordinary 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)
to be held from 13 to 17 December 2010 at IMO Headquarters**

1 In accordance with paragraph 5 of BWM.2/Circ.24, 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 1 April 2010. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received 13 proposals for approval.

2 Based on the decision made by MEPC 60, two meetings of the GESAMP-BWWG had been organized from 24 to 28 May 2010 and from 19 to 23 July 2010. The reports of the two meetings mentioned above (GESAMP-BWWG 13 and GESAMP-BWWG 14) will be submitted for consideration by MEPC 61.

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 10 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 the year 2011, the GESAMP-BWWG agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting (GESAMP-BWWG 15), scheduled from 13 to 17 December 2010, to evaluate the remaining three proposals submitted by the deadline of 1 April 2010 and to report to MEPC 62.

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".