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

**Sixth meeting of the GESAMP^{*}-Ballast Water Working Group
established in accordance with resolution MEPC.126(53)**

1 In accordance with paragraph 6 of BWM.2/Circ.12, Members 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 21 March 2008. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received six proposals for approval.

2 Bearing in mind that only a maximum of three application dossiers can be reviewed by the GESAMP-BWWG at one meeting, and desiring to facilitate the development of new ballast water technologies and to alleviate the concern of the shipping industry regarding their timely availability, the Secretariat, with the agreement of MEPC 57, approached the members of the Group with a view to having an additional meeting.

3 Based upon the acceptance by the GESAMP-BWWG to hold an additional meeting and following authorization by the Chairman of the MEPC, it was decided to hold the seventh meeting of the Group from 30 June to 4 July 2008 and to process the report of the Group as a matter of urgency to facilitate its consideration by MEPC 58.

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".