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

**Thirty-eighth 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 from 14 to 17 January 2019 at IMO Headquarters**

1 In accordance with paragraph 8 of BWM.2/Circ.68, 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 26 October 2018. By this deadline, the Secretariat had received six proposals for approval.

2 As more than four proposals for approval of ballast water management systems were received before 26 October 2018 for consideration by MEPC 74, GESAMP-BWWG agreed to hold an additional meeting with a view to facilitating the evaluation of as many proposals as possible. Following this arrangement, GESAMP-BWWG 37 is scheduled from 26 to 30 November 2018 and an additional meeting (GESAMP-BWWG 38) has been scheduled from 14 to 17 January 2019. The report of the additional meeting will be processed as a matter of urgency with the necessary relaxation of the deadline for submissions to MEPC 74 and with its annexes in English only.

3 Any proposal for approval that has not been reviewed at the additional meeting (i.e. the thirty-eighth meeting), due to time constraints, will be reviewed at the earliest meetings of the Group after MEPC 74 and reported to MEPC 75.

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/ISA Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection".