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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Joint database IMO/IOM/UNODC on migrant incidents and on suspected  
smugglers and vessels**

**Note by the Secretariat**

**SUMMARY**

*Executive summary:* This document provides updated information in the light of meetings of the Secretariats of IMO, IOM and UNODC on the above mentioned subject.

*Strategic direction:* 1.1

*High-level action:* 1.1.1, 1.1.2

*Planned output:* 1.1.2.1

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 6

*Related documents:* MSC/Circ.896/Rev.1; FAL 39/16; MSC 95/21/4 and MSC 95/21/10

1 Document MSC 95/21/10 outlines the work of the IMO, IOM and UNODC Secretariats to develop an "Inter-agency platform for information sharing on migrant smuggling by sea" in GISIS which will include a joint database on migrant smuggling; and research and other information relevant to migrant smuggling prepared by IOM and UNODC. This new joint database is expected to be operational from 6 July 2015.

2 The proposed format for reporting incidents of migrant smuggling by sea contained in the annex has been developed on the basis of the existing report format contained in the appendix to MSC/Circ.896/Rev.1, with some new fields approved by the three Organizations.

3 IMO, IOM and UNODC have agreed to focus at this stage on smuggling, leaving outside of the joint database, the aspects related to trafficking of migrants as this issue goes beyond the context of cooperation between the three Organizations.

4 MSC/Circ.896/Rev.1 was intended to provide interim, non-binding measures for the prevention and suppression of unsafe practices associated with the trafficking or transport of migrants by sea "pending entry into force of a Convention against transnational organized crime including trafficking in migrants". The United Nations Convention against Transnational

Organized Crime entered into force on 29 September 2003; the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children entered into force on 25 December 2003; and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air entered into force on 28 January 2004. Much of the guidance given in the body of MSC/Circ.896/Rev.1 has thus been superseded.

5 In order to expedite the implementation of the inter-agency platform, and to benefit from the experience gained from its use, it is proposed that the amended reporting format attached in the annex be approved as work in progress. It is also proposed that MSC/Circ.896/Rev.1 and the revised format be forwarded to FAL 40 for its consideration from the FAL viewpoint with a view to adopting a joint MSC/FAL circular at FAL 40 and MSC 96, if appropriate.

#### **Action requested of the Committee**

6 The Committee is requested to:

- .1 consider the proposal made jointly by IMO, IOM and UNODC and accept, as work in progress, the amended reporting format attached in the annex;
- .2 forward MSC/Circ.896/Rev.1 and the revised format to FAL 40 for its consideration from the FAL viewpoint with a view to adopting a joint MSC/FAL circular by FAL 40 and MSC 96; and
- .3 invite Member Governments to bring the amended reporting format to the attention of all parties concerned, and to provide timely and accurate information on migrant incidents and on suspected smugglers and vessels to the Organization via the facilitation module in GISIS.

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**ANNEX**

**REPORT ON MIGRANT INCIDENTS AND ON SUSPECTED SMUGGLERS AND VESSELS**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinates: N/S \_\_\_\_\_ E/W \_\_\_\_\_

Ship name: \_\_\_\_\_

Flag: \_\_\_\_\_ International call sign/IMO Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If it is a boat, description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Last port of call (include date/time of departure): \_\_\_\_\_

Next port of call (include date/time of departure): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of crew/nationality(ies) (if identified among persons on board): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of migrants and other persons on board/nationality(ies): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of male adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of female adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of male minors: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of female minors: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of fatalities (count only bodies found): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people missing: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the rescue unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of rescue \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of incident and measures taken (include date/time as necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Details of smuggling of migrants by sea\*:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments and recommendations (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Submitter Member State: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\* "Smuggling of migrants" means the procurement, in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit, of the illegal entry of a person into a State Party of which the person is not a national or a permanent resident (Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air).