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FORMAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Future arrangements of the FSA Experts Group

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on the future arrangements of the FSA Experts Group for the eighty-eighth and eighty-ninth sessions
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	12.1
<i>High-level action:</i>	12.1.1
<i>Planned output:</i>	12.1.1.1 and 12.1.1.2
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related documents:</i>	MSC 87/26, sections 18 and 20; MSC 88/1/1, MSC 88/17, MSC 88/19, MSC 88/19/2, MSC 88/INF.6 and MSC 88/INF.8

General

1 The Committee, at its eighty-seventh session, having established the Correspondence Group on Formal Safety Assessment (FSA) and instructed it to prepare draft revised FSA Guidelines and Guidance on the use of HEAP and FSA, which will be reported to MSC 89, noted that the FSA Experts Group may need to be re-established at future sessions to review FSA studies submitted to the Organization.

Outcome of the IACS FSA Study on General Cargo Ship Safety

2 The Committee will recall that MSC 87, having noted the information provided by IACS on the progress made with regard to the FSA Study on General Cargo Ship Safety and its request that the study should be reviewed by the FSA Experts Group after the full study has been finalized, invited Member Governments and international organizations to submit further information and relevant proposals on the matter to this session. In this regard, IACS has submitted the aforementioned study to MSC 88 (MSC 88/19/2; MSC 88/INF.6 and MSC 88/INF.8) and, if the Committee decides to re-establish the FSA Experts Group, it is anticipated that the above experts will need time to scrutinize the newly submitted IACS FSA study before re-establishing the FSA Experts Group.

Future arrangement of the FSA Experts Group

3 Taking into account the aforementioned decisions by MSC 87 and the new submissions by IACS to this session, it is recommended that the FSA Experts Group be established at MSC 89, to:

- .1 review the IACS FSA Study on General Cargo Ship Safety; and
- .2 consider the report of the Correspondence Group on Formal Safety Assessment (FSA), in particular, the proposed modifications to the FSA Guidelines and Guidance on the use of HEAP and FSA.

Therefore, it is recommended that the FSA Experts Group not be established at MSC 88.

Action requested of the Committee

4 The Committee is invited to note the above information and take action, as appropriate, taking into account the recommendation in paragraph 3.
