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## Cooperation with IMO on Maritime Security Issues

### 1 BACKGROUND

In September 2016 the Secretary-General was approached by IMO about a possible cooperation on maritime security issues. Due to the short notice and other commitments he was unable to take part in the planned meeting.

The matter was referred to the PAP but due to a lack of time was deferred to a further meeting.

### 2 DISCUSSION

Discussion is invited on the e-mail received from IMO as per below.

**From:** Javier Yasnikowski

**Sent:** 21 September 2016 15:21

**To:** 'francis.zachariae@iala-aism.org'

**Subject:** Possible technical cooperation assistance between IMO and IALA on maritime security-related activities

Dear Francis,

I was nice talking to you briefly this morning.

As requested, I am providing in this e-mail information on IMO technical cooperation activities related to maritime security.

IMO-MARSEC is organizing a Sub-regional seminar on Maritime surveillance monitoring and communication systems for maritime security, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 24 to 27 October 2016. This is part of a series of similar seminars that we have conducted in the past (China in 2013, Antigua and Barbuda in 2014 and Colombia in 2015). We are also planning further seminars for next year for the Arab and Pacific regions.

This particular seminar is intended for East Asian coastal states and is aimed at senior officials having a direct responsibility for developing and/or implementing policies and procedures related to maritime surveillance monitoring and communications and/or the enhancement of coastal and port security.

The objective of this seminar is to deepen the understanding of practical measures which will enable the recipient countries to establish, or enhance existing, maritime situational awareness systems and to share related information with each other and with ships navigating in the areas under their jurisdiction, with a view to enhancing maritime security, safety of navigation, protection of the marine environment and the search and rescue of persons in distress at sea.

The seminar will be structured in three parts, namely (1) Main security challenges in the region, including piracy and armed robbery and mixed migration; (2) Maritime communication and ship tracking / monitoring systems for maritime security, including the concept of maritime domain awareness; and (3) other related developments, including maritime single windows, e-navigation and cyber security. Each one of these sessions will be followed by panel discussions and/or group exercises to facilitate the sharing of information amongst participants.

The draft Agenda is attached for your information. We expect to circulate the final agenda sometime next week after receiving final confirmation from the host country about a possible visit to a VTS or MRCC, as well as responses from other invited speakers from Interpol, UNODC, BIMCO and others.

On behalf of IMO, I would like to take this opportunity to invite IALA to participate in this seminar as a speaker under Part 2 and/or 3 on IALA's work on aids to navigation systems and related services, including e-navigation, Vessel Traffic Services, and emerging technologies, and/or any other subjects that you may find appropriate in respect to the contents and objectives of the seminar.

I remain at your disposal for any further information you may deem appropriate when considering the present invitation.

I do also hope that we can strengthen our collaboration in the delivery of future technical cooperation activities related to maritime security.

Kind regards,

Javier

### **3 ACTION REQUESTED**

The PAP is invited to discuss possible cooperation with IMO on maritime security issues.