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UNLAWFUL PRACTICES ASSOCIATED WITH CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY

Information on fraudulent certificates reported to the Secretariat

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on reports received by the Secretariat on fraudulent certificates detected
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 3
<i>Related documents:</i>	STW 33/17 and STW 35/5

1 The Sub-Committee, at its thirty-third session (21 to 25 January 2002), discussed a proposal that:

- .1 fraudulent certificates detected during regulation I/10 verification procedures should be reported to IMO; and
- .2 following completion of the PSC action, the PSCO should forward to IMO the particulars of the case as soon as practicable,

and agreed that timely exchange of information was an important and practical measure to help prevent unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency.

2 Since the thirty-fourth session of the Sub-Committee (24 to 28 February 2003), the Secretariat has received information from a number of flag and port States, shipping companies and seafarers detailing examples of fraudulent certificates found on board ships during inspections or reportedly being used. A summary of these reports received for the year 2005 is set out at annex.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

3 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided and take action as appropriate.

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ANNEX

SUMMARY OF REPORTS RECEIVED ON FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATES RECEIVED

Reported By	Flag of Ship	Certificate claimed to be issued by	Comments
Antigua & Barbuda	Not applicable	Honduras	Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Honduran Administration
Antigua & Barbuda	Not applicable	Poland	Certificate confirmed fraudulent by the Polish Administration
Malta	Not applicable	Poland	Certificate confirmed fraudulent by the Polish Administration
Malta	Not applicable	Serbia and Montenegro	Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Serbian and Montenegro Administration
Malta	Not applicable	Latvia	Certificate confirmed fraudulent by the Latvian Administration
Malta	Not applicable	Ukraine	Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Ukrainian Administration
Malta	Not applicable	Indonesia	Certificate confirmed fraudulent by the Indonesian Administration
Malta	Not applicable	Sri Lanka	Certificate confirmed fraudulent by the Sri Lankan Administration