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ANY OTHER BUSINESS**BIMCO/ISF Manpower 2005 Update**

Submitted by BIMCO and the International Shipping Federation (ISF)

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on the BIMCO/ISF manpower 2005 update
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	paragraph 5
<i>Related documents:</i>	None

1 The BIMCO/ISF Manpower Updates are regarded as the most comprehensive assessment of global supply of and demand for merchant seafarers. The 2005 study builds on updates conducted in 1990, 1995 and 2000. It has two main purposes: to describe the current worldwide supply and demand situation for seafarers, and to make predictions for 5-10 years ahead to assist the industry anticipate changes and to take appropriate action.

2 The 2005 Update is based on data collected from questionnaires to governments and shipping companies, and again incorporates senior executives' and maritime administrations' views and academic analysis (provided by the Warwick Institute for Employment Research).

3 BIMCO and ISF appreciate the efforts of all the administrations that responded to the questionnaires and contributed to the final outcome and thank them.

4 Copies of the Executive Summary will be made available to delegations at the meeting.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

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