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## UNLAWFUL PRACTICES ASSOCIATED WITH CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY

### Reports of fraudulent certificates

#### Note by the Secretariat

#### SUMMARY

- Executive summary:*** This document provides information on reports received by the Secretariat on fraudulent certificates detected
- Action to be taken:*** Paragraph 3
- Related documents:*** STW 33/17 and STW 37/4/1

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 Port State Control action, the Port State Control Officer 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 2006 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                                                                       |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kingdom of Bahrain             | Not applicable | Sri Lanka                           | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Sri Lankan Administration             |
| St. Kitts & Nevis              | Not applicable | Panama                              |                                                                                |
| St. Kitts & Nevis              | Not applicable | Pakistan                            |                                                                                |
| St. Kitts & Nevis              | Not applicable | Georgia                             |                                                                                |
| St. Kitts & Nevis              | Not applicable | Myanmar                             | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Myanmar Administration                |
| St. Kitts & Nevis              | Not applicable | Croatia                             |                                                                                |
| St. Kitts & Nevis              | Not applicable | Ethiopia                            |                                                                                |
| St. Kitts & Nevis              | Not applicable | Sri Lanka                           | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Sri Lankan Administration             |
| St. Kitts & Nevis              | Not applicable | Liberia                             |                                                                                |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Sweden                              | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Swedish Administration                |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | India                               | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Indian Administration                 |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Croatia                             | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Croatian Administration               |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Panama                              | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Panamanian Administration             |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Liberia                             | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Liberian Administration               |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Myanmar                             | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Myanmar Administration                |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Latvia                              | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Latvian Administration                |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Bulgaria                            | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Bulgarian Administration              |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Georgia                             | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Georgian Administration               |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Sri Lanka                           | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Sri Lankan Administration             |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Serbia & Montenegro                 | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Republic of Montenegro Administration |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Egypt                               | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Egyptian Administration               |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | Philippine                          | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Philippines Administration            |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Not applicable | China                               | Certificates confirmed fraudulent by the Chinese Administration                |