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(b) Report on the 2005 International Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

- Executive summary:** This document reports on the outcome of the International Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties
- Action to be taken:** Paragraph 11
- Related documents:** C/ES.23/11, LEG/CONF.15/21, LEG/CONF.15/22 and LEG/CONF.15/23

1 In accordance with Article 2(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and pursuant to the request of the IMO Assembly in resolution A.924(22), the Council of the Organization decided, at its twenty-second extraordinary session, in November 2003, that a diplomatic conference of States Parties to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation and to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf be convened by IMO to revise the said instruments. This decision was endorsed by the Assembly of the Organization at its twenty-third regular session by resolution A.942(23) of 5 December 2003 on the Work Programme and Budget for the Twenty-Third Financial Period 2004-2005.

2 The International Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties was held at the Headquarters of the Organization in London from 10 to 14 October 2005. Seventy-four States Parties to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation and seventy States Parties to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf participated in the Conference. A further twenty-four States, one Associate Member of the Organization, three intergovernmental organizations, nine non-governmental organizations and the European Commission participated in the Conference as observers.

3 The Conference elected H.E. Ambassador Giancarlo Aragona (Italy) as President of the Conference, and Vice-Admiral Francisco Martinez (Chile), H.E. Ambassador Gehad Madi (Egypt), H.E. Ambassador Aurimas Taurantas (Lithuania), H.E. Ambassador Antonio Gumende (Mozambique) and H.E. Ambassador Edgardo B. Espiritu (Philippines) as Vice-Presidents of the Conference.

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4 As a result of its deliberations, the Conference adopted the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, the text of which is contained in document LEG/CONF.15/21, and the Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, the text of which is contained in document LEG/CONF.15/22.

5 The Protocols will be opened for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 14 February 2006 and will remain open for signature until 13 February 2007. Thereafter, they will remain open for accession.

6 Seventy-one States signed the Final Act of the Conference.

7 In accordance with article 18, the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation will enter into force ninety days following the date on which twelve States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General.

8 In accordance with article 9, the Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf will enter into force ninety days following the date on which three States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General. However, the Protocol shall not enter into force before the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation has entered into force.

9 Under the provisions of paragraph 22 of the Final Act, the Conference requested the Secretary-General to prepare consolidated texts in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages of the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 2005 and of the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, 2005.

10 Under the provisions of paragraph 23 of the Final Act, the Secretary-General shall send certified copies of the Final Act and certified copies of the authentic texts of the Protocols to the Governments of the States invited to be represented at the Conference.

Action requested of the Assembly

11 The Assembly is invited to take note of, and comment on, the information provided in this document as may be deemed appropriate.