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COMMITTEE'S ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK

Outcome of LEG 104 on the revised Rules of Procedure of the Legal Committee

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides the outcome of LEG 104 on the revised Rules of Procedure of the Legal Committee
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	4.0
<i>High-level action:</i>	4.0.5
<i>Output:</i>	4.0.5.1
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related document:</i>	LEG 104/WP.1, section 8

1 LEG 104 noted that C 116 had agreed to harmonize the terms of office in the Rules of Procedure of committees (and by extension sub-committees); to limit the total term of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair to five years in office; and to establish the use of the new gender-neutral term "Chair" in the Rules of Procedure of the committees, and requested the relevant committees to amend their Rules of Procedure accordingly.

2 LEG 104 considered the draft revised Rules of Procedure (LEG 104/8/1), including the outcomes of MEPC 70 and MSC 97, together with the outcome of FAL 41 (LEG 104/8/1/Add.1).

3 Following the discussion, LEG 104 adopted the revised Rules of Procedure of the Legal Committee, as set out in annex 8 to LEG 104/WP.1, with agreed modifications. In particular, LEG 104 adopted as follows:

"Rule 3

The Committee shall meet at least once a year in regular session and more frequently with the approval of the Council. The Committee may meet in an extraordinary session upon a request made in writing to the Secretary-General by at least twenty of its respective Members. Sessions of the Committee shall be held at the Headquarters of

the Organization unless convened elsewhere in accordance with a decision of the Committee approved by the Assembly or the Council.

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Rule 34

1 The Chair may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least 25% of the Membership of the Organization are present. The presence of at least 25% of the Membership of the Organization, or other participants, as appropriate, shall be required for any decision to be taken.

2 When a treaty or other international instrument in respect of which the Committee performs functions contains a provision relating to the quorum, such provision shall apply in respect of such functions."

Action requested of the Committee

4 The Committee is invited to note the above information and take action, as appropriate.
