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NEW YORK EXCO #1
Minutes of a meeting of the CMI Executive Council
Tuesday, 3 May 2016 from 09h00 to 17h30
at the Hilton Hotel, New York, USA

Present

President: Stuart HETHERINGTON
Past-President: Karl-Johan GOMBRII
Vice-President: Giorgio BERLINGIERI
Vice-President: Christopher DAVIS
Secretary-General: John HARE
Administrator: Lawrence TEH
Treasurer/Head
Office Director: Peter VERSTUYFT
Councillors: Ann FENECH
Tomotaka FUJITA
Luc GRELLET
Jorge RADOVICH
Dieter SCHWAMPE
Dihuang SONG
Alexander von ZIEGLER
Absent: Taco van der VALK [Apology noted]

ITEM NUMBERS CORRESPOND TO THOSE ON THE AGENDA DULY CIRCULATED TO EXCO MEMBERS BY THE PRESIDENT.

1. **Apologies**
Apologies were accepted from Taco van der Valk who was attending the GA IWG session.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of Virtual Meeting November 2015**
There being no comment nor objections, the November 2015 minutes were approved and signed by the President and the Secretary-General.
3. **Matters arising from Minutes of Virtual Meeting**
None not covered by the agenda for this meeting.
4. **Finance and Administration**
 - (a) **Treasurer's Report**
Presented by the Treasurer who pointed out that there is a change in accounting from 2015 to try to give a more accurate view of the actual expenses arising from EXCO attendance at conferences and colloquia. He, Anne Verlinde and the Secretary-General had been working with the auditors to devise a more transparent and accurate reporting format, especially in relation to CMI events.

Thus the Secretary-General explained that in the new format EXCO expenses

relating to meetings remain in the operating and travel budget, but additional expenses arising from EXCO members attending events would be included in the event budget. It is hoped that this format will enable the CMI to get a better indication of the cost of events. Accordingly, the Istanbul Colloquium reported only a small surplus of €607 on the revised reporting format, but this took into account far more of the CMI's expenses than previously would have been included. The Secretary-General confirmed that the new reporting of event costs should not affect the base aim of a €20000 'surplus' split 50:50 with the host NMLA in future events. That surplus should continue to be built into an event budget as a line item.

Chris Davis observed that in relation to New York, the decision taken in Istanbul that EXCO members would meet 50% of event registration had been implemented. The Secretary-General confirmed that as with Istanbul, the CMI would absorb its share of registration fees of EXCO members, removing the necessity of EXCO claiming this portion back, and resulting therefore in only one transaction in which CMI pays the event budget for EXCO registrations. The Treasurer reported a surplus on budget of €23580, largely achieved because of the absorption of a significant portion of expenses into the Istanbul Colloquium budget.

(b) Accounts: Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account; Cash Flow Statement

The Treasurer went on to present the remaining accounts for the 2015 year, showing cash on hand of €605 094 – an amount which he reported both the Audit Committee and the CMI auditor considered satisfactory.

(c) (i) Audit Committee Report

The report of Måns Jacobsson as chair of the Audit Committee was tabled and noted for tabling at the Assembly. Mr Jacobsson reported excellent cooperation from the Treasurer whose tabled accounts were recommended for adoption by the Assembly without reservation.

(ii) Auditors report

Similarly, the report of the Auditors was tabled for submission to the Assembly.

(d) Budgets for 2016 and 2017

The Treasurer tabled the updated 2016 budget reflecting a deficit of €23 550. The Treasurer projects a deficit for 2017.

Chris Davis suggested that maybe an increased Earlybird discount would encourage swifter settlement and proposed that Earlybird discount of 2,5% be put to the Assembly.

RESOLVED that: EXCO approve the Budget for 2017, including an Earlybird discount of 2,5% and that the 2017 Budget be recommended to the Assembly.

(e) Report of Chris Davis on collection of outstanding subscriptions and correspondence relating to Uruguay, Colombia, Russia, Dominican Republic and Portugal.

Russia

More than half of the present dues are from Russia. The Russian MLA owes just under €30000 arrears incurred over 3 years. The Russian subscription levy is €10000 per annum. A letter from Russia was tabled explaining an extreme financial crisis of their NMLA. The Russian MLA proposed a payment of €2000 for 2016, and asked that their membership be frozen while they try to collect the

balance of arrears. Russia pointed out that there are 264 members in their MLA, with no corporate membership.

Concerns were expressed that there is no precedent for keeping membership but freezing subscription, nor constitutional power to suspend membership or freeze subscriptions other than by beginning the expulsion process. Art 21 states that for the first two years of arrears, NMLAs may lose their membership benefits and voting rights (but retain membership) and that three years of non-payment entitles the CMI to start expulsion proceedings.

Discussion centred on concerns not to expel Russia if some accommodation can be reached. The President will write to the President of the Russian MLA advising that the expulsion process will be carried out unless some appropriate proposal is received from the Russian MLA to pay its arrears.

RESOLVED that: The CMI initiate steps, absent a satisfactory compromise with the Russian NMLA, leading to its expulsion at the Genoa Assembly in 2017.

RESOLVED FURTHER that there be no formal suspension of Russia's subscription.

Dominican Republic has not met its agreed payment.

RESOLVED that: The CMI commence expulsion proceedings of Dominican Republic.

South Korea

The South Korean MLA owes €7300. The MLA has previously asked for a reduction of its membership fee.

The Administrator expressed the view that it would be inappropriate to consider expulsion. Capt In Hyoen Kim is in New York and discussions will be held with him as to the future situation of the Korean MLA in the CMI.

DPR Korea

The DPR of Korea MLA owes €2000 over 3 years. It has asked for a reduction of arrears owing because of the effect of international sanctions.

RESOLVED THAT: No reduction of arrears be agreed, and that expulsion proceedings of DPR Korea be commenced.

Portugal

The Portuguese MLA has offered to make a payment before the end of the year.

RESOLVED to allow them to do so.

Colombia

Colombian arrears extend over more than 4 years during which there have been many negotiations. The Colombian President had made a payment out of his own pocket and had then resigned.

RESOLVED to commence expulsion proceedings of Colombia and that the payment made by the former President of the Colombian NMLA should be refunded to him (this latter confirmed in EXCO New York meeting #2)

Uruguay

Chris Davis reported that thanks to Jorge Radovich there is now a settlement proposal which is regarded to be reasonable. Uruguay paid €1000 in April 2016 and proposes to pay a further €1500 before the end of July 2016.

RESOLVED to accept the payment proposal.

Philippines

Errors in contact details have now been corrected. The President is to follow up payment of outstanding amounts with the Philippine MLA.

- (f) Approval of nomination of De Mol, Meuldermans and Partners BVBA as auditor of 2016 accounts

As recommended by the CMI Audit Committee, the Treasurer proposed that EXCO recommend the reappointment of the CMI auditors by the Assembly.

RESOLVED: That De Mol, Meuldermans and Partners BVBA be reappointed by the Assembly as the CMI's auditors.

- (g) Guidelines on CMI Investment Policy Approved for submission to the Assembly for adoption.

RESOLVED: That the CMI Investment Policy document as tabled be tabled for approval by the Assembly and be thereafter implemented.

- (h) Succession for Secretary-General and role of Administrative Assistant.

The Treasurer and the Secretary-General reported that Anne Verlinde is unable reasonably to manage the demands of her job in the time presently allocated to her – which currently amounts to a three-day week. She would be prepared to extend her hours to a four day week.

RESOLVED: THAT EXCO accept the Treasurer's recommendations re Anne Verlinde in effect that she go onto a four day week.

The Secretary-General indicated that he would be stepping down in Genoa in September 2017. He pointed out that it would be unwise for him to step down in the same year as the President (2018). Thus he should do so either in 2017 or 2019. Having chosen to resign in 2017, he felt that it is important that there be a period of proper handover to his successor. The CMI Constitution requires proposals for the election of Secretary-General to be made by EXCO to the Nominating Committee, and thence to the Assembly.

He reported that he and the President had held informal discussions with Rosalie Balkin, past Director of Legal Affairs of the IMO, with a view to her taking over as CMI Secretary-General in 2017. She has indicated her willingness to do so, and the Secretary-General and Rosalie would prefer that the Assembly be advised in New York of this development so that they both can plan ahead for a smooth handover.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That EXCO approves that Rosalie Balkin be proposed to the 2017 Assembly to succeed John Hare, to take office from the end of that Assembly.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the President, Administrator and Secretary-General examine their respective roles in relation to the Constitution with a view to better defining those roles either by Constitutional amendment or by EXCO guidelines.

- (i) Archive

The Secretary-General informed EXCO that Anne Verlinde and he had delved into boxes in our basement storage and found most of the items are indeed catalogued. Material is manageable and accessible. The next step is to inspect the offsite storage after which we will have to decide whether material should be kept or dumped. The Secretary-General's suggestion is that if material is not costing the CMI, then the decision should be to keep it. Luc Grellet asked how external parties would know about the material that the CMI kept. The

Secretary-General replied that we deal with a number of research requests annually and that Anne, being a librarian, is particularly well-suited to that research. We have CD Roms listing the documentation we hold which, though not at this stage easily accessible to outsiders, are a help to Anne Verlinde in locating documents. The President said that we should aim for as much relevant documentation as possible to be accessible through the CMI website. The Secretary-General will again tackle the archives during his next visit to Antwerp.

5. Members and appointments

(a) Membership

Application by Iran Maritime Law Association and correspondence:

Iran's application for membership was tabled and discussed. Further detail of the status of the Iranian Association is required before the matter can be taken further.

(b) Provisional membership

(i) Termination of provisional membership for Kleis Klauberg (Latvia)

(ii) Correspondence with Norman Martinez (Honduras)

In both instances there had been no progress in the formation of an NMLA and both Messrs Klauberg and Martinez accept that provisional membership may be terminated.

RESOLVED: That the provisional membership of Latvia and Honduras be terminated.

(c) Titulary Membership

(i) Prof Sarah Derrington (Australia and New Zealand)

(ii) Luis Felipe Galante (Brazil)

(iii) Regula Hinderling (Switzerland)

(iv) Andreas Bach (Switzerland)

(v) Luis Leven Siano (as a late entry)

RESOLVED: That all of the above be recommended to the Assembly for election as Titulary Members of the CMI.

(d) Consultative Members

(i) International Salvage Union (ISU)

(ii) International Transport Workers Federation

RESOLVED: That both be recommended to the Assembly for election as Consultative Members of the CMI.

(e) Nominating Committee

the President reported that Johanne Gauthier would like to step down as Chair of the Committee. Also that Francesco Berlingieri suggests that he resign from the Committee.

He proposed that Andrew Taylor be invited to chair the Nominating Committee.

RESOLVED: That EXCO invite Andrew Taylor to Chair the CMI Nominating Committee.

6. Meetings

(a) New York 2016

The Secretary-General reported briefly on registrations for New York being 421 full delegates with a further 424 MLA US 'walkins' who had registered to attend all or some sessions. This was way in excess of expectations, though it should be remembered that the walkins do not pay a fee, only *a la carte* social costs.

He reported excellent cooperation with the MLAUS Organising Committee over the past year.

(b) Assembly/Seminar 2017

Vice-President Berlingieri tabled his report and presented the case for the 2017 Assembly to be held in Italy in pursuance of the suggestion that the CMI honour Life President *Honoris* Francesco Berlingieri. There was a general acceptance of Genoa or Santa Margherita as the venue for the 2017 Assembly. As to the timing, The Treasurer raised the legal requirement of Belgian law that accounts need to be finalised in June. There is precedent for being late – Oslo was in October. The Treasurer will look into this and report further to EXCO. Dates agreed were Thursday 7 September and Friday 8th September (allowing delegates to enjoy the weekend in and around Genoa).

RESOLVED: That EXCO meet on Thursday 7 September 2017 and that EXCO propose to the New York Assembly that the 2017 Assembly be held in Italy (Genoa or environs) on 7 or 8 September 2017.

The Secretary-General expressed the opinion that as a policy, all NMLAs should be invited to submit offers for hosting future events and that no decision should be taken to award an event until that process has been done.

RESOLVED that: The CMI would call for offers from NMLAs for annual Assemblies and appropriate accompanying events for consideration by EXCO and thence confirmation by the Assembly. To allow for proper planning, at least one year's lead should precede Assemblies with smaller Colloquia or Symposia, and at least two year's lead for Conferences.

(c) Colloquium/Seminar/Symposium and Assembly 2018

EXCO would call for offers.

(d) Colloquium/ Seminar/Symposium and Assembly 2019

EXCO would call for offers – Ann Fenech indicated that Malta would probably consider submitting an offer for 2019

(e) Conference 2020

Correspondence from Brazil dated 18 October 2012 and 25 February 2016 was tabled and noted.

A delegation from the Brazilian NMLA made a presentation to propose Rio de Janeiro for the 43rd International Conference, 2020.

RESOLVED: That the CMI shall invite NMLAs to make offers for hosting intermediate Assemblies and events for 2018 and 2019 and the 43rd International Conference for 2020 and that these offers be considered by EXCO for recommendation to future Assemblies. The process for 2018 should commence immediately by an invitation to be issued by the President.

7. International Working Groups

Reports from IWGs were tabled and considered read. All are to be made available to the Assembly, and the President noted that most had already been circulated to NMLAs. An executive summary of each will be included with the minutes of the Assembly. These EXCO minutes will thus only record relevant EXCO discussion around those Reports.

(a) Foreign Judicial Sales of Ships: The Report of Henry Li; Submission to the IMO Legal Committee (LEG 103/13; List of Delegates to IMO Legal Committee 2015) were tabled and duly noted.

The President reported on the preparations for LegCom 103 on 9 June aimed at persuading the Legal Committee to agree to put the draft Convention on its

workbook for 2016/7. He reported that China and South Korea had agreed to sponsor the Draft at LegCom, and that the main hurdle to be faced was the issue of whether LegCom would accept that there is a compelling need for the Convention as drafted, and whether the IMO was the appropriate forum. The President noted that considerable work had been done by the IWG in preparation for this meeting and thanked them for their efforts.

- (b) Review of the Rules on General Average: Correspondence to MLA Presidents attaching Papers for the Conference dated 29 March 2016 were tabled and duly noted.
The President recorded that considerable consensus had been achieved on the proposed New York amendments under discussion in parallel discussions being held by the IWG in New York preparatory to the forthcoming Plenary and Assembly.
- (c) Cross Border Insolvencies: The Report of Chris Davis and Papers of Martin Davies and Julie Soars were tabled and duly noted;
Vice-President Davis reported that a session to be held in New York would discuss the need to draft a Protocol to the Model Law and other possibilities. The line-up included two judges and Prof Martin Davies.
- (d) Polar Shipping: The Report of Aldo Chircop and Papers for the Conference were tabled and duly noted.
The Secretary-General reported that the Polar Shipping IWG had requested a full day session in New York and commended the IWG for its considerable energies and progress.
- (e) Marine Insurance: The Report of Marine Insurance IWG Chair Joe Grasso was deferred to the second EXCO meeting.
- (f) Offshore Activities: The Report of Patrick Griggs was tabled and duly noted. The President reported that Patrick Griggs' wished to step down as Chair and that Mr Griggs had proposed Jorge Radovich as his successor.
The President recorded EXCO's appreciation for the considerable efforts of Patrick Griggs in Chairing this IWG.

RESOLVED that: Jorge Radovich be appointed as Chair and Andrew Taylor as Rapporteur of the IWG on Offshore Activities.

- (g) Rotterdam Rules: The Report of Tomotaka Fujita was tabled and duly noted.
- (h) Fair Treatment of Seafarers (including Pandemic Response and Migration at Sea). The Questionnaire on Pandemic Response was tabled and duly noted.

The President reported that Paul Gill had agreed to Chair the Pandemic Response subgroup and noted his suitability for the task in the light of his academic experience with this unusual topic.

RESOLVED that: Paul Gill be appointed Chair of the Pandemic Response Subgroup of the IWG on Fair Treatment of Seafarers.

- (i) Acts of Piracy and Maritime Violence: The Report of Andrew Taylor was tabled and duly noted.
- (j) Ship Financing Security Practices: The Report of Ann Fenech and Questionnaire were tabled and duly noted.

Ann Fenech reported progress of the group and moved for the appointment of Andrea Berlingieri to the IWG.

RESOLVED that: Andrea Berlingieri be appointed to the IWG on Ship Financing Security Practices.

- (k) Liability for Wrongful Arrest: The Report of Giorgio Berlingieri and Summary of Responses to Questionnaire were tabled and duly noted.

Vice-President Berlingieri reported on good progress of the IWG. Karl Gombrii suggested maybe the group should look further at the conflict of laws in relation to wrongful arrest, a suggestion supported by Alex von Ziegler and Chris Davis.

- (l) Restatement of the Lex Maritima: Report from Eric Van Hooydonk duly noted. A proposal was tabled from Prof van Hooydonk that Kerim Atamer be appointed to the IWG.

RESOLVED that: Kerim Atamer be appointed to the IWG on Restatement of the Lex Maritima.

- (m) Maritime Law for Unmanned Ships: The Report of Tom Birch-Reynardson was tabled and duly noted.

A proposal from IWG Chair Tom Birch Reynardson was made requesting that the following be appointed to this IWG. The Secretary-General noted that the IWG as it stands was mandated to identify further members for appointment, and that the IWG had already been very active and had planned a double session for New York.

- (i) Professor Nick Gaskell
- (ii) Brian Eisenhower
- (iii) Eric van Hooydonk
- (iv) Andrew Garger
- (v) Andrew Higgs
- (vi) Robert Veal
- (vii) Helen Noble
- (viii) Frank Smeele
- (ix) Jeffrey Moller
- (x) Oskar Levander
- (xi) Alan Weigel of Blank Rome as a late entry.

RESOLVED that: All the above be appointed to the IWG on Maritime Law for Unmanned Ships.

- (n) Vessel Nomenclature: The President's letter to MLA Presidents dated 8 March 2016 attaching Questionnaire and the report of IWG Chair Frank Nolan were tabled and duly noted.

- (o) Liability of Classification Societies: Report of Karl Gombrii duly noted. Mr Gombrii reported that owing to reservations expressed by shipowners' representatives, and notwithstanding considerable support from Societies and other roleplayers that the CMI should revive its initiative to seek uniformity on the liability of classification societies and the limitation of that liability, it had been decided not to proceed with a session on the topic in New York. Further discussions will be held during the week to seek a way forward. He proposed that Luc Grellet join the IWG.

RESOLVED that: Luc Grellet be appointed to the IWG on the Liability of Classification Societies.

(p) Cybercrime in Shipping:

In the absence of Taco van der Valk, the Secretary-General reported the considerable interest shown both from the MLAUS and NMLA membership in this new topic, which was accordingly to be given a half-day session in New York, with leading speakers including author Peter Singer and journalist Michael Riley.

8. Standing Committees

(a) CMI Charitable Trust: Report of Tom Birch Reynardson
This report will be presented to the Assembly meeting.

(b) CMI Young Lawyers:

In Taco van der Valk's absence there was discussion on whether EXCO should appoint a yCMI person to run with this group, reporting to Taco van der Valk and thence to EXCO. The President reported discussions with Mr van der Valk and undertook to follow the suggestion up with him.

There was discussion on the involvement of yCMI in working groups. Alexander von Ziegler suggested that each IWG should have at least one yCMI member, and the Secretary-General reported that this had been successfully done with the new IWGs – Unmanned Ships at which Robert Veal, a young academic from Southampton was to be a main speaker at the New York Session, and with the Cybercrime IWG.

It was agreed that this should be a guiding policy in the setting up of IWGs.

(c) Constitution Committee: The report of Chair Jean-Francois Peters was tabled and duly noted.

The Secretary-General reported that although there had been no formal meeting of the IWG, he had a lengthy meeting with IWG chair Jean-Francois Peters in Antwerp in February at which he was able to brief Mr Peters fully. Work would continue and if any amendments were considered necessary, these would be proposed for EXCO's consideration in good time to be able to give the necessary notices to NMLAs of proposed amendments for the Genoa Assembly.

(d) General Average interest rates:

In the absence of Taco van der Valk and the continuing work on the Review of the York Antwerp Rules, this item was deferred until the Assembly meeting later in the week.

(e) Planning Committee: The Report of the Secretary-General was tabled and duly noted.

(f) Jurisprudence Database on Maritime Conventions

The President reported that correspondence had been exchanged with Prof Girvin in which he had explained that work was being done to set up the database and prepare a template for submission of material by IWGs and NMLAs. Prof Girvin sought a four year commitment of €5000 p.a. from the CMI and that the Administrator be the CMI contact person with the University.

RESOLVED that: In accordance with Professor Girvin's request in the Administrator's tabled email proposal, the CMI would budget €5000 per year for 4 years from 1 April 2016 to enable the project to continue, and

that the Administrator would be the primary contact person for this project.

- (g) Implementing and Promoting Ratification of Maritime Conventions: The Report of Deucalion Rediadis was tabled and duly noted.
The President reported on correspondence with Mr Rediadis and his proposals for the future structuring of this IWG.
It was noted that Louis Mbanefo had resigned from the IWG. The President noted, with appreciation, the work of Louis Mbanefo as Chair of this IWG. The President then proposed that Deucalion Rediadis take over as Chair, and that there be additions to the IWG which would be determined during the week, and put forward at Friday's EXCO meeting.

RESOLVED that: Deucaliaon Rediadis take over as Chair of the IWG.

- (h) Publications
(i) CMI Yearbook and News Letter: Preparation of Index 1996 to 2016;
The President commended Vice-President Berlingieri on his enormous task of preparing the Yearbook in time to hand it out at New York and for Mr Berlingieri's offer that he compile a new index of Yearbooks post 1999 when the last index was published.
(ii) Handbook: Correspondence from Frank Wiswall reporting on developments with this project was tabled and duly noted.

9. **Ad hoc Committees**

- (a) Arbitration
Luc Grellet reported that there was a clear majority among NMLAs of the view that the CMI should not become involved in arbitration matters. Mario Riccomagno had expressed concerns about Luc's report and there will be a meeting tomorrow with him and Vincent De Orchis. Luc will report further to EXCO.
(b) Future of CMI: Correspondence between Liz Burrell and the Presidents of MLAs was tabled and duly noted. The President reported that Ms Burrell would be meeting with NMLA Presidents at the breakfast to be hosted by MLAUS President Bob Clyne later this week, and encouraged MLA Presidents to participate.

10. **IMO Maritime Prize Nomination**: Frank Wiswall. Correspondence to and from the IMO:

It was noted that the CMI had proposed Frank Wiswall for the IMO Prize for 2016.

11. **[Item withdrawn]**

12. **EU representative**

The Secretary-General reported that Vincent Power's report had now been received, and circulated copies to EXCO. It is a most comprehensive document and will be presented to the Assembly, and would again be put on the CMI site. It has already been uploaded on the New York event site which will remain operative until at least the Genoa Assembly.

13. **Singapore regional office**: The Report of the Administrator was tabled and duly noted.

The Administrator reported that on 3 March 2016, CMI was informed formally that the registration of its Representative Office ("RO") with International Enterprise Singapore Board ("IE Singapore") would expire on 25 April 2016 (after three years). A renewal application was submitted by CMI's Singapore solicitors on 15th April 2016. In it the point

was made that notwithstanding the general policy that representative offices were able to operate in Singapore for a maximum of three years following which it is required to establish a permanent registered business presence in Singapore, CMI wished to renew its RO status. It was explained that CMI was a non-governmental, non-profit international organisation established with the object of contributing to the unification of maritime law in all aspects. It was said that as CMI had no intention to carry on business in Singapore, it would be unduly onerous for CMI to establish a business presence in the form of a subsidiary or registered branch office in Singapore, and that such a registered business presence would not be the most appropriate forum for CMI to continue its activities in Singapore. It was emphasised that CMI and its RO engaged regularly with the Maritime Port Authority of Singapore ("MPA") and that the MPA supported the extension of CMI's RO status.

On 3rd May 2016, CMI was informed by its Singapore solicitors that its status as an RO was renewed for one year.

14. **Report of the Nominating Committee**

The report of the Nominating Committee was tabled and duly noted for presentation to the Assembly.

The President noted that Ms Naiqun Xing, the candidate for EXCO proposed by China, had appeared to be an excellent candidate but that the fact that she was little known to MLAs was probably a distinct disadvantage to her.

The Secretary-General reported that the Constitution Committee has the nomination and election process on its worksheet and will report to EXCO in good time for any proposed amendment in Genoa 2017.

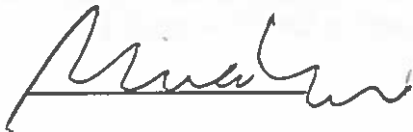
15. **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:


- (a) IOPC Fund Notification of Meetings 25-27 April 2016 (Andrew Taylor to attend)
- (b) International Malaysian Society of Maritime Law (IMSML)
A potential application for CMI membership by a newly formed second MLA in Malaysia is to be made..
- (c) Cameroon MLA – A potential membership application is to be made by this MLA.
The Cameroonian representative is in New York and Luc Grellet will make contact. The possibility of a regional association was noted though it was suggested that the French/English divide in West Africa may be a problem for regional cooperation.
- (d) Congo MLA – A potential membership application is to be made by this MLA. This was noted, with similar comment being made about regional cooperation. Luc Grellet to follow up a membership application that is likely to be made. In both cases more information is required.
- (e) Professor Olivencia - Stuart Beare had referred a request that the CMI consider supporting the award of a Prize to Prof Olivencia. Further information has been sought from the Spanish MLA.
No comment required from the Executive Council at this stage.
- (f) Piraeus Bar Association Meeting 13-15 October 2016
- (g) Lloyds List Partnership Proposal - It was decided that this was not appropriate for the CMI.
- (h) Letter to MLA Presidents re International Tribunal for Law of the Sea
- (i) Email correspondence with Paraguay regarding a potential membership application.
- (j) Adriatic Maritime Law Conference announcement.

16. **Future Executive Council meetings**
- (a) Second New York Executive Council Meeting: 6 May 2016 at 1715 hours in the Clinton Room, Hilton Hotel, New York, USA;
 - (b) Virtual Meeting week commencing 21 November, 2016.
 - (c) Maybe a further virtual meeting in April 2017.
 - (d) Genoa 7/8 September 2017
17. **Any other business**
- Chris Davis reported contact with Cuba. Nothing needs to be done by EXCO yet but he will report further at the next meeting of EXCO.
- The President recorded that this would be the last EXCO meeting attended by Song Dihuang, and his praise and appreciation for Dihuang's long contribution to the CMI and EXCO was roundly endorsed by EXCO.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 17h30.



STUART HETHERINGTON, PRESIDENT



JOHN HARE, SECRETARY-GENERAL