## INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION

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### 1 Briefly outline your organization’s interest in and contribution to the work of the relevant bodies of IMO in the past biennium

During the reporting biennium (010313 – 280215), ISAF has been represented at IMO by Stuart Carruthers (Head of Delegation), David Brunskill (Delegate) and Alan Green (Delegate) in the following IMO meetings: MEPC 65, MSC 92, NAV 59, MEPC 66, MSC 93, NCSR 1, NCSR 2, MEPC 67.

ISAF is the world governing body for the sport of sailing and is officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee. Its members include 139 national governing bodies for sailing around the world. It has considerable small craft expertise on matters concerning safety of navigation, manning, training, construction, and its impact on the environment. Its purposes are directly related to the purposes of IMO and are fully in harmony with the spirit and functions of IMO. In particular, ISAF is involved in the work of MSC, MEPC and NCSR,

ISAF pays a great deal of attention to all aspects of safety covered by SOLAS, GMDSS, the global SAR plan and COLREG 72, ISAF contributed to MSC.1/Circ.1413 concerning basic safety guidance for yacht races and oceanic voyages by non-regulated craft and is involved in ensuring that safety information and documentation relevant to MRCC’s worldwide (basically Offshore Special Regulations) are held as standard texts by member governments.

ISAF takes a keen interest in maritime security and piracy matters and the impact of its activities on the environment. ISAF made a significant contribution to the development of IMO MSC.1/Circ.1283 and the development of international guidance for minimizing the transfer of invasive aquatic species as biofouling (hull fouling) for recreational craft.

Finally and although not mentioned, ISAF consulted with IMCA on the revision of MSC/Circ.645. This kind of cross-delegation informal consultation is one of the most important, though unrecorded, aspects of co-operation at IMO and supports positive outcomes.

### 2 Briefly outline how your organization disseminates information on and promotes the work of the Organization to its membership and/or beyond

ISAF has clearly demonstrated its ability and intention to promote and disseminate the principles and work of IMO. This is vital for the safety of the sport and the continuing presence of ISAF at IMO Committee meeting enables those present to gain an understanding of recreational sailing.

A summary of issues on the agenda of IMO meetings is circulated to members of the ISAF, together with relevant decisions. At the annual November meeting of the ISAF International Regulations Commission the IMO meetings are reviewed.
The next ISAF annual conference will be held in Sanya, People’s Republic of China from 7 - 14 November 2015 and in regard to IMO Rules of Consultative Status an invitation is made to an IMO representative to attend.