

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The **International Code for Ships Operating** in Polar Waters was adopted. The Code will enter into force on 1 January 2017.

Piracy and armed robbery against ships: IMO noted that the number of worldwide piracy attacks had decreased. A *Circular on Best Management Practices for Protection against Somalia Based Piracy*, and *Revised Interim recommendations for flag States regarding the use of privately contracted armed security personnel on board ships in the High Risk Area* was approved.

A **High-level Meeting to Address Unsafe Mixed Migration by Sea** was hosted; and an intersessional discussion will be coordinated on the study of the current legal regime and gaps that need to be addressed in order to remedy the drastic situation faced by the smuggling of mixed migrants by sea in unsafe vessels.

The Ballast Water Management Convention (BWM Convention), 2004, is close to meeting its remaining entry into force criterion (tonnage).

The eastern limit of the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) was extended and associated protective measures (new ship routing) were adopted.

Revised air pollution guidance and requirements: A number of amendments and revisions to existing guidance and requirements related to air pollution measures were considered.

The **Third IMO GHG Study 2014** providing updated estimates for greenhouse gas emissions from ships was adopted.

The **Mandatory IMO Member State Audit Scheme** will become effective from 1 January 2016.

Capacity-building: The regular meeting of the Heads of Maritime Administrations took place. IMO participated actively in the creation of the African Union 2050 Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy.

Guidance for consideration of marine geoengineering activities was agreed by the Parties to the London Protocol.

Radioactive wastes and matter: A correspondence group has been established to develop a work plan regarding the scientific study relating to all radioactive wastes and other radioactive matter other than high level wastes or matter.
