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Item 8

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NSC RESPONSE TO THE EU MARITIME POLICY

Enclosed are;

- Draft response presented by the Chair of the NSC Ad-Hoc group on Maritime Policy - Vice-President Audrey Findlay

A draft response has been available on our website since mid February, all registered members in our member profile got an e-mail from the secretariat 19 February, asking for comments to the paper before 12 March. The comments has been evaluated and implemented to the enclosed paper "*European NSC RESPONSE TO THE EU MARITIME POLICY*". The President wants to thank Martin Brebner from Aberdeenshire Council, for his commitment to produce this important and excellent paper.

The adopted paper from this meeting will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting at Brunstad on 22 June 2007 for final adoption by NSC. However the document adopted by the Executive Committee at this meeting, will be sent to CPMR and the Maritime Policy Task Force as our preliminary response.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. For discussion and decision.
2. The Executive Committee adopts the paper "*NSC RESPONSE TO THE EU MARITIME POLICY*".