Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Legal Committee

The following amendments to Rules 17 and 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Legal Committee were agreed at the one-hundredth session of the Committee held at IMO Headquarters from 15 to 19 April 2013.

1) On page 95, Rule 17, replace the words “up to two” with “a” and “Vice-Chairmen” with “Vice-Chairman”, so that the amended text reads as follows:

“Rule 17

The Committee shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from among the representatives of Members. The elections shall take place once a year.”

2) On page 96, Rule 18:

(a) delete the words “one of” and replace the word “Vice-Chairmen” with “Vice-Chairman”;

(b) delete the words “one of” and replace the word “Vice-Chairmen” with “Vice-Chairman”; and

(c) replace “Vice-Chairmen” with “Vice-Chairman”, insert the word “both” before the word “unable”; replace the word “another” with “a second”, insert the word “first” after the words “Chairman and”, and replace the word “Vice-Chairmen” with “Vice-Chairman”,

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so that the amended text reads as follows:

“Rule 18

(a) If the Chairman is absent from a session or any part thereof, the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

(b) If the Chairman, for any reason, is unable to carry out his duties until the expiry of his term of office, the Vice-Chairman shall act as Chairman pending the election of a new Chairman.

(c) If the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are both unable to preside at a session, the Committee shall elect a second Vice-Chairman who shall preside and act as Chairman for as long as the Chairman and first Vice-Chairman are unable to do so.”