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**RESEARCH WORK UNDERTAKEN BY  
THE WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING articles 2(e) and 15(k) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Organization and the Assembly in relation to the facilitation and promotion of technical co-operation,

RECALLING ALSO that the World Maritime University (WMU) was established to serve the global maritime community as the Organization's apex institution for tertiary-level maritime education, in furtherance of IMO's purposes and objectives,

RECALLING IN PARTICULAR resolutions A.900(21), on *Objectives of the Organization in the 2000s*, and A.933(22), on *Sustainable financial support for the World Maritime University*, through which the Assembly, respectively, acknowledged the special contribution of WMU to the attainment of the objectives of the Organization, and reaffirmed the importance and continued necessity of the University, as a high-level maritime training institution for providing, *inter alia*, technical advice in furtherance of the objectives and goals of the Organization and its Member States,

RECALLING FURTHER that, as a centre of academic excellence in the maritime field, WMU undertakes original and applied research into aspects of maritime safety and security, marine environmental management and protection, human resource development in the maritime sector, and shipping and port management, with a view to promoting the achievement of the highest practicable global standards in these fields and providing a mechanism for the international exchange, transfer and application of related knowledge,

RECOGNIZING that research is an important component of WMU's academic activities, which strengthens and enhances its programmes of study and contributes positively to the fulfilment of its educational mandate,

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RECOGNIZING ALSO that WMU remains committed to research of the highest standard, which not only promotes knowledge creation, stimulates teaching and enriches higher learning, but also enhances its international academic reputation and provides a valuable source of income towards the provision of fellowships for students and corporate development purposes,

ACKNOWLEDGING WITH APPRECIATION the outcome of WMU's research activities, which have included projects commissioned by IMO, Governments and other client entities, as well as publications and papers issued by the WMU faculty on a wide range of subjects covering aspects of the maritime industry,

ACKNOWLEDGING ALSO the contribution that such research activities make towards a safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sound maritime industry,

ACKNOWLEDGING AND ENCOURAGING WMU's commitment to engaging world class scholars and maritime experts in a culture of collegiate co-operation, and to encouraging the open exchange of ideas within an environment that supports and rewards research of the highest quality and integrity, to the benefit of the global maritime community,

DESIRING to encourage WMU to continue and, where possible, increase its valuable research work,

1. AFFIRMS the importance and necessity of WMU's research activities and of their resulting outputs as vital components of the University's efforts to strengthen and enhance its programmes of study and its international academic reputation;
2. AFFIRMS ALSO that WMU's research activities contribute positively to the furtherance of the objectives and goals of the Organization and its Member States;
3. ENCOURAGES Member States, the IMO organs, international organizations and all other stakeholders of the global maritime community to, as appropriate:
  - (a) make use of the competencies of WMU in commissioning research related to their respective fields of activity; and
  - (b) take into account, in the performance of their activities, the findings and recommendations of the research work undertaken by WMU.

