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THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Part XII of the IMCO Convention entitled  
"Relationship with the United Nations and other Organizations",

RECALLING FURTHER that Article 26 provides that the Council  
may enter into agreements covering relationships with other  
organizations and should submit such agreements to the Assembly  
for approval,

HAVING CONSIDERED the text of an Agreement between the Food  
and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Inter-  
Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization adopted by the  
Council at its fourteenth session,

APPROVES the Agreement, the text of which is annexed to this  
Resolution,

UNDERSTANDS that the text will be considered by the next  
Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the  
United Nations,

INVITES the Secretary-General to submit to the Council  
proposals concerning the establishment of joint committees,  
pursuant to Article III of the Agreement,

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FURTHER INVITES the Secretary-General to communicate the text of this Resolution to the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

ANNEX

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL  
MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION

Whereas the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization (hereinafter referred to as FAO) provides that the Organization may enter into agreements with other international organizations with related activities in order to define methods of co-operation; and

Whereas the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (hereinafter referred to as IMCO) provides that the Organization shall co-operate with any specialized agency of the United Nations in matters which may be the common concern of the Organization and of such specialized agency, and shall consider such matters and act with respect to them in accord with such specialized agency;

FAO and IMCO agree as follows:

Article I

Co-operation and Consultation

FAO and IMCO agree that with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in the Constitution of FAO and the Convention on IMCO within the general framework established by the Charter of the United Nations, they will act in close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest.

Article II

Reciprocal Representation

1. Representatives of FAO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the IMCO Assembly and to participate without vote in the deliberations of the Assembly and of its commissions and committees with respect to items on their agenda in which FAO has an interest.

2. Representatives of IMCO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the FAO Conference and to participate without vote in the deliberations of the Conference and of its committees with respect to items on their agenda in which IMCO has an interest.

3. Representatives of FAO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Council of IMCO and the Maritime Safety Committee, their sub-committees or commissions, and to participate without vote in the deliberations thereof with respect to items on their agenda in which FAO has an interest.

4. Representatives of IMCO shall be invited to attend the meetings of the FAO Council, its committees or commissions, and to participate without vote in the deliberations thereof with respect to items on its agenda in which IMCO has an interest.

5. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time for the reciprocal representation of FAO and IMCO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organization has an interest.

Article III

FAO-IMCO Joint Committees

1. FAO and IMCO may refer to a joint commission or committee any question of common interest which it may appear desirable to refer to such a committee.

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2. Any such joint commission or committee shall consist of Member Nations and Associate Members or of representatives designated by each Organization, the type of representation and number of members being decided by agreement between the two Organizations.

3. The United Nations and other specialized agencies may also be invited to attend the meetings of joint commissions and committees and to participate without vote in their deliberations.

4. The reports of any such joint commission or committee shall be communicated to the Director-General of FAO and the Secretary-General of IMCO for submission to the appropriate body or bodies of the two Organizations.

5. Any such joint commission or committee shall regulate its own procedure.

Article IV

Exchange of Information and Documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents shall be made between FAO and IMCO.

2. The Director-General of FAO and the Secretary-General of IMCO, or their authorized representatives, shall, upon the request of either party, consult with each other regarding the provision by either organization of such special information as may be of interest to the other.

Article V

Co-operation between Secretariats

The Secretariat of IMCO and the Secretariat of FAO shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed upon from time to time by the Director-General of FAO and the Secretary-General of IMCO.

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Article VI

Administrative and Technical Co-operation

IMCO and FAO agree to consult each other from time to time regarding the most efficient use of personnel and resources and appropriate methods of avoiding the establishment and operation of competitive or overlapping facilities and service.

Article VII

Statistical Services

In view of the desirability of maximum co-operation in the statistical field and of minimizing the burden placed on national governments and other organizations from which information may be collected, IMCO and FAO undertake to avoid undesirable duplication between them with respect to the collection, compilation and publication of statistics and to consult with each other on the most efficient use of information, resources and technical personnel in the field of statistics.

Article VIII

Personnel Arrangements

FAO and IMCO agree that the measures to be taken by them, within the framework of the general arrangements for co-operation in regard to personnel matters to be made by the United Nations, will include:

- (a) measures to avoid competition in the recruitment of their personnel; and
- (b) measures to facilitate interchange of personnel on a temporary or permanent basis, in appropriate cases, in order to obtain the maximum benefit from their services, making due provision for the retention of seniority and pension rights.

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Article IX

Financing of Special Services

If compliance with a request for assistance made by either organization to the other would involve substantial expenditure for the organization complying with the request, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

Article X

Implementation of the Agreement

1. The Director-General of FAO and the Secretary-General of IMCO may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organizations.

2. The liaison arrangements provided for in the foregoing articles of this Agreement shall apply as far as appropriate to the relations between such branch or regional offices as may be established by the two organizations as well as between their central machinery.

Article XI

Notification to and Registration by the United Nations

1. In accordance with their respective agreements with the United Nations, FAO and IMCO will inform the Economic and Social Council forthwith of the terms of the present Agreement.

2. On the coming into force of the present agreement, in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII, it will be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording in pursuance of Article 10 of the Regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations on 14 December 1946.

Article XII

Revision and Termination

1. This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between FAO and IMCO.

2. The Agreement may be terminated by either party on 31 December of any year by notice given to the other party not later than 30 September of that year.

Article XIII

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Assembly of IMCO and by the FAO Council, subject to confirmation by the FAO Conference.

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