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**LINKAGES BETWEEN THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORK OF IMO
AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Articles 2(e) and 15(k) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Organization in relation to the facilitation and promotion of technical cooperation,

RECALLING ALSO resolution 69/313 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly entitled *Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development*, which, inter alia, commits Member States to fully engage, nationally, regionally and internationally, in ensuring proper and effective follow-up of the financing for development outcomes and all the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and addresses the issues of sustainable use of the oceans, seas and coastal areas and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and underlines the important role and comparative advantage of an adequately resourced, relevant, coherent and effective United Nations system to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

RECALLING FURTHER resolution 70/1 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, entitled *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and reaffirmed its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of this Agenda by 2030, and its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

RECOGNIZING United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/71/243 *Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system*, which, inter alia, called upon United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies to reflect their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in their strategic plans and similar planning documents, in close consultation with and for presentation to their respective governing bodies for approval, and requested the United Nations country teams, under the leadership of the resident coordinator, to strengthen the use of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, enhance the inter-agency

approach within the United Nations development system at the country level, and strengthen joint programming processes and the use of joint programmes at the country level, where appropriate,

RECALLING that the vision statement of the Organization's Strategic Plan for the six-year period 2018-2023 stresses the need for the Organization to meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and support Member States in their implementation of the Agenda,

MINDFUL of the obligations and responsibilities of all Member States, including the least developed countries and small island developing states, to implement systems and procedures, in accordance with the instruments to which they are parties, so as to contribute to their long-term sustainable development,

MINDFUL ALSO of the need to give priority, in the delivery of technical assistance, to meeting the special assistance needs of Africa, of least developed countries and small island developing States as called for in the aforementioned resolutions,

RECOGNIZING the important role that a safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation plays in the sustainable development of all States and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the goal of IMO to achieve uniform implementation of its instruments, their enforcement by States parties to them, and the provision of targeted capacity building and technical cooperation through the use of Country Maritime Profiles and the programming of technical assistance within the framework of United Nations Development Assistance,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the fundamental importance of the technical cooperation activities of IMO, channelled through the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme, in enhancing the capacity of developing countries to implement the aforementioned international regulatory framework,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the Technical Cooperation Committee at its sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh sessions on the issue of linkage between the Organization's technical assistance work and the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as TC.1/Circ.69 demonstrating the conceptual linkages between the technical assistance work of IMO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

1 INVITES Member States to recognize the importance of completing and updating the Country Maritime Profiles and including Sustainable Development Goals and their targets in the Profiles;

2 ALSO INVITES Member States and partner organizations to mainstream their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in their strategic plans and similar planning documents;

3 URGES Member States to work, at the country level, with the United Nations Resident Coordinator and the United Nations Country Teams and ensure that their national maritime sectors, in particular the technical assistance needs thereof, are reflected in their respective country's United Nations Development Assistance Framework, taking into account the 2030 Agenda;

4 ALSO URGES Member States, partner organizations and the Secretariat to work with the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators and develop the Organization's mandate-related Global Indicators, data and Performance Indicators for monitoring and measuring the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

5 INVITES Member States, partner organizations and the Secretariat to coordinate and work with the five United Nations Regional Economic Commissions to ensure that the maritime sector is reflected in the regional programmes and aligned with the 2030 Agenda;

6 REQUESTS the Technical Cooperation Committee to give high priority to those activities which not only promote the early ratification and effective implementation of IMO instruments but also contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, taking into account the special needs of the least developed countries and small island developing States, and the particular maritime transport needs of Africa, and ensure that those needs are reflected in the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme;

7 REQUESTS the Technical Cooperation Committee to keep this resolution under review and take action as appropriate;

8 REVOKES resolution A.1006(25).
