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ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 60(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, which provides that "The Assembly shall apportion the expenses among the Members in accordance with a scale to be fixed by it after consideration of the proposals of the Council thereon",

RECALLING ALSO Article 61 of the Convention stating that "Any Member which fails to discharge its financial obligation to the Organization within one year from the date on which it is due shall have no vote in the Assembly, the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, the Technical Cooperation Committee or the Facilitation Committee unless the Assembly, at its discretion, waives this provision",

RECALLING FURTHER the provision of rule 56bis(ii) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, under which "Any Member wishing to request a waiver of the provision of Article 61 in respect of itself shall submit a written application to the Secretary-General at least one month before the Assembly giving reasons therefor, with a payment schedule indicating the timescale over which arrears will be paid",

RECALLING the provision of rule 56ter of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, which states that "Any Member seeking election to the Council shall have discharged its obligations to the Organization or shall have committed itself at least one month before the Assembly to a schedule of payment submitted to the Secretary-General to do so ...",

RECALLING ALSO regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the Organization, under which contributions and advances shall be considered as due and payable in full within thirty days of receipt of the communications of the Secretary-General, or as of the first day of the calendar year to which they relate, whichever is the later,

RECALLING FURTHER the introduction of the Contributions Incentive Scheme established in 1988 by resolution A.629(15), as amended by resolution A.1066(28), to encourage early payment of contributions in accordance with the Financial Regulations, by providing for the

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Organization's interest earnings on contributions to be distributed to Member States in accordance with an agreed formula,

WELCOMING the Secretary-General's continuous efforts to secure timely payment from Member States,

RECALLING WITH CONCERN that the level of arrears of contributions has, in the past, caused serious difficulties in the financial management of the Organization and in the execution of its work programme,

WELCOMING the efforts which a number of Member States have made to pay off their arrears and to settle the current year's contribution,

EMPHASIZING that timely payment of contributions by all Member States is essential in enabling the Organization to deliver its work programme,

1   INVITES the attention of Member States to resolution A.629(15), as amended by resolution A.1066(28), introducing a Contributions Incentive Scheme aimed at encouraging early payment of contributions;

2   URGES all Member States to make payment of any arrears at the earliest possible date;

3   URGES Member States which have not yet done so to pay their contribution for the current year in accordance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations;

4   ENCOURAGES all Council Members to set an example by promptly paying their contribution;

5   REQUESTS the Council to continue to treat the issue of arrears of contributions as a matter of high priority;

6   REQUESTS the Secretary-General to bring this resolution to the attention of all Member States and to continue to take all possible measures to ensure prompt payment by Members of their contributions and of arrears of contributions.

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