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**RELATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Part VI of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization and, in particular, Article 25,

NOTING ALSO Part XVI of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization and, in particular, Article 66,

BEARING IN MIND that no procedure was established to formalize the relations between the International Maritime Organization and intergovernmental organizations wishing to enter into agreements or arrangements of cooperation with it,

BEARING IN MIND ALSO that, to date, the agreements or arrangements of cooperation were formalized via an exchange of letters or the signature of an agreement of cooperation, following the Council and the Assembly's approval,

HAVING CONSIDERED the benefits of establishing clear and transparent procedures and terms for the cooperation with intergovernmental organizations whose interests and activities are related to the purposes of the Organization,

1 ADOPTS the *Procedures and terms for the cooperation between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and intergovernmental organizations*, the text of which is in the annex;

2 REQUESTS the Council to keep this resolution under review and propose amendments as appropriate, for adoption by the Assembly.

Annex

**PROCEDURES AND TERMS FOR THE COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

1 The interests and activities of any intergovernmental organization wishing to cooperate with IMO shall be related to the purposes of the Organization.

2 Requests for cooperation with IMO from intergovernmental organizations shall be submitted to the Council, in the form of a Council document, by a Member State or a group of Member States on behalf of the interested intergovernmental organization.

3 Each request shall consist of a letter from the Executive Head of the interested organization and a supporting explanatory document.

4 If approved by the Council, the Secretary-General shall submit the request to the Assembly for approval.

5 Once approved by the IMO Assembly, the intergovernmental organization shall be allowed to observe and submit documents to meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of IMO to consider matters in which the intergovernmental organization has an interest, in accordance with the procedures applicable to each meeting or conference. The organization shall have no voting rights at the meetings or conferences. Conversely, the intergovernmental organization may invite the Secretary-General of IMO to send observers and submit documents to meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of the intergovernmental organization to consider matters in which IMO has an interest, in accordance with the governing rules of the intergovernmental organization.

6 IMO and the intergovernmental organization may consult each other on matters of common interest to both with a view to ensuring maximum coordination of the work and activities of their respective organizations.

7 The intergovernmental organization may, at the request of IMO, render assistance to IMO in matters falling within the scope of IMO's activities.

8 IMO may withdraw this arrangement for cooperation at any time following a decision from the IMO Council which shall be submitted to the IMO Assembly for approval. Equally, the intergovernmental organization may withdraw from the arrangement at any time.

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