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THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization regarding the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety and the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECOGNIZING the need to reduce the environmental and occupational health and safety risks related to ship recycling and, at the same time, securing the smooth withdrawal of ships that have reached the end of their operating lives,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the important role of the Organization in the regulation of ship recycling activity, and in coordinating its work on ship recycling matters with that of the International Labour Organization and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal,

NOTING that the Revised IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships adopted at the eightieth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee will witness an increased phasing out of less efficient ships and hence an increased need for environmentally sound ship recycling facilities,

CONSIDERING that the Hong Kong Convention will enter into force on 26 June 2025,

CONCERNED that ships recycled in recycling facilities not complying with the requirements of safe and environmentally sound international measures for the recycling of ships could prevent international shipping from meeting its obligations to the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that many ship recycling facilities in Member States, particularly developing countries, are taking proactive efforts in line with their domestic legislation to improve existing recycling facilities including, where appropriate, through voluntary compliance with the Hong Kong Convention, and may be encouraged to verify their recycling facilities and recycling methodologies to be in line with the Hong Kong Convention,

- 1 RECOMMENDS that Member Governments provide technical assistance and transfer of technology to developing countries in their efforts at capacity-building to further develop ship recycling facilities in a safe and environmentally sound manner;
  - 2 URGES Member States to take measures, as appropriate to national preparedness, to ensure that ship recycling facilities in their States undergo voluntary assessment for compliance with the Convention;
  - 3 RECOMMENDS that Member Governments, especially the Governments of States with shipowning and registration interests, take initiatives, in cooperation with the shipping industry, to increase the number of ships recycled at Hong Kong Convention-compliant ship recycling facilities.
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