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THE COUNCIL,

RECALLING the provisions of Part XII of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, concerning relationships between IMCO and the United Nations and other Organizations,

NOTING ECOSOC Resolution 1356(XLV) on the United Nations Development Decade and particularly operative paragraph 10 thereof, requesting Organizations in the United Nations system to co-operate with ECOSOC in planning the strategy for the Second Development Decade,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT its Resolution C.42(XXI) concerning the objectives of the Organization,

BEING CONSCIOUS of the many and varied questions being considered in the United Nations system having technical maritime implications,

RECALLING, in this regard, ECOSOC Resolution 1346(XLV) on the question of human environment, as well as ECOSOC Resolutions 1380, 1381 and 1382(XLV) dealing with the sea, its exploration and marine sciences,

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NOTING WITH APPRECIATION the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Organization and of the Secretariat in the tasks undertaken thus far by the Organization,

FURTHER NOTING WITH APPRECIATION the important role played by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and its Committee on Shipping, within their responsibilities, in the commercial and economic and related aspects of maritime transport,

BEING CONVINCED of the urgent need for IMCO to expand, within its terms of reference and upon request, its technical assistance to developing countries,

CONSCIOUS of the significant expertise on which IMCO can draw in the varied technical fields associated with maritime transport,

FURTHER CONSCIOUS of the necessity of the developing countries to be prepared to implement all the technical requirements of IMCO Conventions and the decisions arising therefrom,

BEARING IN MIND the anticipated expansion in the development activities of the United Nations Development Programme:

(1) ADOPTS the statement on the further objectives of IMCO as expressed in Annex II to its Resolution C.42(XXI), and instructs the Secretary-General to submit this statement for the approval of the Assembly at its next regular session,

(2) INSTRUCES the Secretary-General to advise the Council on a continuing basis of any problems or areas of inquiry - whether or not within the scope of the present work programmes of IMCO - with respect to which

IMCO could make an effective contribution, advising also whether any duplication of effort with other international organizations would be involved,

- (3) EXPRESSED IMCO's intention to play a wider role within its terms of reference in United Nations activities concerned with maritime affairs, particularly those of assistance to the developing countries,
- (4) DRAWS THE ATTENTION of all Member States of the Organization, all Member States of the United Nations and of the Specialized Agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the enlarged and effective role the Organization could play in the maritime technical assistance field as an executing agency of the United Nations Development Programme,
- (5) REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization to inform the Executive Heads of those bodies whose activities include work in the maritime field of the wish of the Organization to play its full part in all appropriate future activities of the United Nations in the maritime field,
- (6) INVITES the Secretary-General of the Organization to prepare a long-range plan of action designed to outline the part IMCO should play in the activities of the Second Development Decade in all fields of its competence with particular

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reference to the question of technical assistance,
within the framework of the United Nations
Development Programme,

- (7) FURTHER INSTRUCTS the Secretary-General to recommend to the Council at its next session the steps required to augment the Organization's ability to discharge an expanded role, particularly in the field of technical assistance including any recommended structural changes and including personnel and budgetary implications of such an expanded role.
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