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THE COUNCIL,

RECALLING the provisions of Articles 1 and 3 of the IMCO Convention as well as Resolution 46(VII) of the seventh session of the Trade and Development Board and the terms of reference of UNCITRAL, as set out in Resolution 2205(XXI) of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly,

COGNIZANT of the complexities in the field of maritime law and of its many facets,

RECOGNIZING the need for progressive harmonization and unification of all aspects of international law in the maritime field and the fact that co-ordination of efforts between the Organizations of the United Nations family appears indispensable in order to elucidate the fields in which international law must be prepared,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION the work undertaken by the Legal Committee of the Organization,

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COGNIZANT of the valuable part which IMCO has already played and will continue to play in the preparation of conventions relating to maritime law and the need to avoid duplication of effort in this field;

- (1) INDICATES its desire that IMCO exercise its full competence by taking part as appropriate in the legal work in the maritime field being undertaken under the United Nations system;
- (2) ENDORSES the view expressed by the Legal Committee that it can play an effective part in promoting the establishment of law in the maritime field whether such be initiated from within the Organization or referred to it by other bodies competent in associated fields, as appropriate;
- (3) REQUESTS the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and other relevant United Nations bodies to the activities already undertaken by IMCO in the field of maritime law;
- (4) FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its twenty-second session on the outcome of his discussions with other members of the United Nations family, with particular emphasis on the

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degree of agreement achieved in delineating IMCO's role in this field, including steps necessary to avoid areas of possible duplication as well as an estimation of the degree of reinforcement of the Secretariat required during the next biennium to ensure that the Organization is equipped to play its part fully in this field.

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