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THE COUNCIL

RECALLING resolution A.724(17) adopted by the Assembly on 7 November 1991 relating to the adoption of amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, in particular operative paragraph 1 consisting of amendments to Articles 11, 15, 21, 25, 56 and 57; the addition of a new part XI consisting of new Articles 47 to 51; other consequential renumbering; and other consequential changes to the references to the renumbered parts of the IMO Convention, with a view to institutionalizing the Facilitation Committee (the 1991 Amendments to the IMO Convention),

FURTHER RECALLING that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 66 of the IMO Convention, the 1991 Amendments to the IMO Convention will enter into force twelve months after the requisite instruments from two-thirds of the Members of the Organization have been deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

NOTING with appreciation the considerable efforts made by the Secretary-General, in response to the concerns of Member States regarding the slow rate of acceptance of the said amendments, to contact those Member States that have not done so, with a view to encouraging them to give prompt consideration and to take early action to accept the 1991 Amendments to the IMO Convention,

DEEPLY CONCERNED that, after a period of ten years since the adoption of the amendments, at least another 42 acceptances are still required to achieve the requisite two-thirds,

REAFFIRMING the importance of the early entry into force of the 1991 Amendments to the IMO Convention, as has repeatedly been emphasized by the Facilitation Committee,

STRESSING that acceptance of the 1991 Amendments to the IMO Convention bears no financial implications to Member States,

FURTHER STRESSING that acceptance of the 1991 Amendments to the IMO Convention to institutionalize the Facilitation Committee and becoming a Party to the Convention on the Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL), 1965 are two separate matters, and that acceptance of the 1991 Amendments to the IMO Convention can be done independently of the ratification of the FAL Convention,

MINDFUL of the on-going strategic review of the FAL Convention and the Facilitation Committee, which has taken into account technological and other developments in the area of international maritime traffic, including those pertaining to maritime and ports security,

AWARE of the confidence expressed by the Secretary-General that the Facilitation Committee will continue to make an important contribution to the facilitation of international maritime traffic, to which Governments, the industry, seafarers and the travelling public attach an ever-increasing importance,

1. **WELCOMES** the action already undertaken by Member States in accepting the 1991 Amendments to the IMO Convention,
2. **URGES** those Member States which have not yet done so, to accept the 1991 Amendments to the IMO Convention as soon as possible with a view to achieving the requisite two-thirds of the Members of the Organization needed in order to give effect to the institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee, and
3. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to all Member States and report to the Council on future developments.

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