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THE COUNCIL,

RECALLING the decision, at its 132nd session, on the approval of the *Criteria and procedures for live-streaming to the public of IMO Council plenary meetings*, as reflected in document C 132/D, paragraph 4(b).6.1,

HAVING CONSIDERED the need to link the *Criteria and procedures for live-streaming to the public of IMO Council plenary meetings* to the relevant rules of procedure of the Council,

- 1 NOTES the approved *Criteria and procedures for live-streaming to the public of IMO Council plenary meetings*, set out in the annex to the present resolution;
- 2 AGREES to keep the *Criteria and procedures for live-streaming to the public of IMO Council plenary meetings* under review;
- 3 INVITES all concerned to bring to the attention of the Council any difficulties encountered or improvement that may be needed to the *Criteria and procedures for live-streaming to the public of IMO Council plenary meetings* set out in the annex to this resolution;
- 4 DECIDES that this resolution shall be referenced by footnote to rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

ANNEX

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Purpose

1 With a view to increasing transparency and access to information, the Council, at its 132nd session, decided that its plenary meetings should be live-streamed to the public subject to certain exceptions.

2 This document has been developed by the Council to provide clear guidance for the live-streaming of its plenary meetings to the public.

Criteria for live-streaming

3 The plenary meetings of the Council should normally be live-streamed to the public with the exception of the following:

- .1 parts of the Council during which vote casting takes place (not limited to voting by secret ballot);
- .2 parts of the Council related to the appointment of the Secretary-General; and
- .3 any other discussion that the Council may decide should not be live-streamed.

4 Any deliberations and decisions on whether to suspend live-streaming for part of a meeting should not be live-streamed to the public.

5 Meetings of working, drafting, review, expert, intersessional and editing groups should not be live streamed to the public.

Procedure for live-streaming

6 The live-streaming of the Council to the public should normally begin from the opening of the session.

7 A Member State wishing to request that a part of the plenary meetings of the Council should not be live streamed to the public, in line with paragraph 3.3 above, should make such a request in writing to the Chair of the Council stating the reasons therefore before the opening of the session. Such requests will be compiled into a single document and circulated by the Secretariat, which will be considered under agenda item 1 on the adoption of the agenda.

8 Notwithstanding paragraph 7 above and in exceptional circumstances that may occur during the session, a Member State wishing to request that a part of the plenary meeting of the Council should not be live streamed to the public, may make the request at any point during the session. The live-streaming should be suspended immediately at that point, while the Council deliberates this request and decides accordingly.

9 Requests in line with paragraphs 7 and 8 above may also be made by the Chair of the Council or the Secretary-General.

10 The invitation to the Council session should inform prospective delegates that the meeting will be live streamed to the public subject to certain exceptions.

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