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DAY OF THE SEAFARER

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING that the Conference of Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, held in Manila, Philippines, in June 2010, unanimously adopted a resolution establishing 25 June of each year as the "Day of the Seafarer",

RECALLING FURTHER that the Manila Conference encouraged Governments, shipping organizations, companies, shipowners and all other parties concerned to promote this day duly and appropriately and take action to celebrate it meaningfully; and invited the Secretary-General of IMO to bring the resolution to the attention of the IMO Assembly for endorsement and for any other appropriate action that it might deem necessary to promote the letter and spirit of this day,

BEARING IN MIND that the Council, at its 105th session in November 2010, endorsed the designation of this day, subject to final decision by the twenty-seventh regular session of the Assembly; and authorized the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to promote and celebrate the Day of the Seafarer in 2011,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that the first ever celebrations of this day, held in 2011, were a great success,

NOTING ALSO WITH APPRECIATION the inclusion of the Day of the Seafarer in the annual list of United Nations Observances,

RECOGNIZING WITH IMMENSE APPRECIATION the invaluable contribution that seafarers make to international trade and the world economy, often at great personal cost to themselves and their families,

1. DECIDES to establish 25 June of each year as the "Day of the Seafarer";
2. INVITES Governments, shipping organizations, companies, shipowners and all other parties concerned to promote and celebrate the Day of the Seafarer in an appropriate and meaningful manner;
3. FURTHER INVITES Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO to submit to the Secretariat, on a yearly basis, information related to the celebration of the Day of the Seafarer.