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ANNEX 12

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THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (the Organization) concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (the Committee) conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

HAVING ADOPTED resolution MEPC.304(72) on *Initial IMO Strategy on reduction of GHG emissions from ships* (the Initial Strategy),

NOTING that the Initial Strategy includes a candidate short-term measure to encourage the development and update of National Action Plans to develop policies and strategies to address GHG emissions from international shipping in accordance with guidelines to be developed by the Organization, taking into account the need to avoid regional or unilateral measures,

NOTING ALSO the role of Member States in extending the emission reduction efforts to all shipping-related sectors which are not necessarily covered by the Organization's conventions,

NOTING FURTHER resolution MEPC.366(79) on *Invitation to Member States to encourage voluntary cooperation between the port and shipping sectors to contribute to reducing GHG emissions from ships*,

RECALLING that, at its seventy-fifth session, the Committee adopted resolution MEPC.327(75) on *Encouragement of Member States to develop and submit voluntary national action plans to address GHG emissions from ships*,

RECALLING ALSO that, at its seventy-ninth session, the Committee agreed to revise resolution MEPC.327(75),

RECOGNIZING that many Member States are already taking actions at national level to facilitate the reduction of GHG emissions from ships,

RECOGNIZING ALSO that many Member States, industry, ports and other relevant stakeholders are voluntarily working together to strengthen cooperation through the whole value chain to create favourable conditions along specific shipping routes to reduce GHG emissions from ships,

COMMENDING those Member States that have already prepared National Actions Plans and encourages them to share their experiences with the Organization,

RECOGNIZING that since 2015 IMO has, through its various capacity-building initiatives and by offering several generic guide documents, assisted countries to develop national strategies to address emissions from ships,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the value of mobilizing national resources, promoting experience and information-sharing and cooperation for all national stakeholders,

1 INVITES Member States to voluntarily submit their National Action Plans to the Organization, outlining respective policies and actions, as soon as possible, and provide updates, as relevant, thereafter;

2 SUGGESTS the National Action Plans could include but are not limited to: (a) improving domestic institutional and legislative arrangements for the effective implementation of existing IMO instruments; (b) developing activities to further enhance the energy efficiency of ships; (c) initiating research and advancing the uptake of alternative low-carbon and zero-carbon fuels; (d) encouraging the production and distribution of such fuels for shipping; (e) accelerating port emission reduction activities, consistent with resolution MEPC.366(79); (f) fostering capacity-building, awareness-raising and regional cooperation; (g) facilitating the development of infrastructure for green shipping; and (h) facilitating voluntary cooperation through the whole value chain, including ports, to create favourable conditions to reduce GHG emissions from ships through shipping routes and maritime hubs consistent with international law, including the multilateral trade regime;

3 INVITES Member States to elaborate on those arrangements (legal, policy, institutional, etc.) that they put in place or plan to do so to support emission reduction from ships, in accordance with their national conditions, circumstances and priorities;

4 ALSO INVITES those Member States to take into account the guide on *National Action Plans to address GHG emissions from ships, from decision to implementation* as developed by the GreenVoyage2050 project;¹

5 ENCOURAGES those Member States to initiate early actions to facilitate the reduction of GHG emissions from ships without awaiting the entry into force of measures in the IMO context;

6 REQUESTS the Secretariat to continue to provide guidance and any further action which may be taken (e.g. through the GMN, NextGEN Connect and GreenVoyage2050 projects or the IMO GHG-TC Trust Fund) to assist Member States including developing countries, in particular SIDS and LDCs, in developing National Action Plans;

7 ALSO REQUESTS the Secretariat to facilitate the sharing of relevant information provided in the submitted National Action Plans, including by means of the dedicated website;²

8 REQUESTS the Member States to bring this resolution to the attention of all stakeholders on a national scale, including Administrations, ports, ship designers, engine manufacturers, fuel suppliers, seafarers and other interested groups;

9 REVOKES resolution MEPC.327(75).

¹ See: <https://www.imo.org/en/ourwork/environment/pages/relevant-national-action-plans-and-strategies.aspx>

² See: <https://greenvoyage2050.imo.org/national-action-plan/>

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