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**RESOLUTION MEPC.371(80)
(adopted on 7 July 2023)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017 GUIDELINES FOR BALLAST WATER EXCHANGE (G6)
(RESOLUTION MEPC.288(71))**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

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

RECALLING ALSO that the International Conference on Ballast Water Management for Ships held in February 2004 adopted the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (the Convention) together with four Conference resolutions,

NOTING that regulation A-2 of the Convention requires that discharge of ballast water shall only be conducted through ballast water management in accordance with the provisions of the Annex to the Convention,

NOTING ALSO that regulation B-4 of the Annex to the Convention addresses the conditions under which ballast water exchange should be conducted, taking into account Guidelines developed by the Organization,

NOTING FURTHER that, at its fifty-third session, it adopted, by resolution MEPC.124(53), the *Guidelines for ballast water exchange* (G6) and resolved to keep them under review,

NOTING that, having considered draft revised Guidelines (G6), at its seventy-first session, it adopted, by resolution MEPC.288(71), the *2017 Guidelines for ballast water exchange* (G6),

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its eightieth session, proposed amendments to the 2017 Guidelines (G6),

- 1 ADOPTS amendments to the *2017 Guidelines for ballast water exchange* (G6) as set out in the annex to this resolution;
- 2 INVITES Governments to apply the Guidelines, as amended, as soon as possible;
- 3 AGREES to keep the Guidelines, as amended, under review.

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- 1 Paragraph 3.4 of the *2017 Guidelines for ballast water exchange* (G6) (resolution MEPC.288(71)) is amended as follows:

"3.4 Where a port State requires specific information regarding the management of ballast water on a ship bound for a port, offshore terminal or anchorage area in that port State, a completed ballast water reporting form as set out in the ~~appendix~~ Guidance on ballast water record-keeping and reporting (BWM.2/Circ.80, as may be amended) may be submitted prior to entry into that port State in a time frame required by that port State."
- 2 The appendix to the *2017 Guidelines for ballast water exchange* (G6) (resolution MEPC.288(71)) is deleted.
