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THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(c) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING that the present provisions of safety-related IMO Conventions, such as the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and its Protocol of 1988 provide for the use of English and French only in the certificates, manuals and other relevant documents required thereby,

NOTING ALSO that Spanish is one of the official and working languages of the Organization,

HAVING CONSIDERED the proposal of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela (MSC 72/21/11) to the effect that the Spanish language be used in SOLAS certificates, manuals and other relevant IMO documents,

HAVING CONSIDERED ALSO the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation at its ninth session,

1.   AGREES to take appropriate action to amend safety-related IMO instruments, as appropriate, to grant the Spanish language the same status as that provided for the English and French languages;

2.   AGREES ALSO to provide equal status to the English, French and Spanish languages when preparing future safety-related instruments;

3.   INVITES the attention of the Council, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, the Technical Co-operation Committee and the Facilitation Committee to the adoption of this resolution, for consistency in the Organization's policy.

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