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THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO article VIII(b) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) and article VI of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the Convention (hereinafter referred to as “the 1988 SOLAS Protocol”) concerning the procedure for amending the Convention and the 1988 SOLAS Protocol,

RECALLING FURTHER article VI(b) of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol which stipulates, *inter alia*, that amendments to the Annex to the Protocol shall be adopted and brought into force in accordance with the procedure applicable to the adoption and entry into force of amendments to chapter I of the Annex to the Convention, as specified in subparagraphs (iv), (vi)(1) and (vii)(1) of paragraph (b) of article VIII of the Convention,

NOTING that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(1) of the Convention, an amendment to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol shall be deemed to have been accepted on the date on which it is accepted by two thirds of the Parties to the Protocol,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its eighty-first session, amendments to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol proposed and circulated in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) of the Convention and article VI(b) of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention and article VI(b) of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, amendments to the Annex to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in accordance with article VIII(b)(v) of the Convention and article VI(b) of the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and its Annex to all Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, for consideration and acceptance, and also to transmit copies to all Members of the Organization;
3. URGES all Parties to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol to accept the amendments at the earliest possible date.

ANNEX

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**MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE ANNEX TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
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**CHAPTER I**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**PART B – SURVEYS AND CERTIFICATES**

**Regulation 10 – Surveys of structure, machinery and equipment of cargo ships**

The existing text of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (a) of the regulation is replaced by the following:

- “(v) a minimum of two inspections of the outside of the ship’s bottom during the five-year period of validity of the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate or the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate, except where regulation 14(e) or 14(f) is applicable. Where regulation 14(e) or 14(f) is applicable, this five-year period may be extended to coincide with the extended period of validity of the certificate. In all cases the interval between any two such inspections shall not exceed 36 months;”.

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