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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 resolution MSC.215(82), by which it adopted the Performance standard for protective coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double-side skin spaces of bulk carriers ("the Performance standard"), which has become mandatory under chapter II-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 ("the Convention"), as amended by resolution MSC.341(91),

RECALLING FURTHER article VIII(b) and regulation II-1/3-2.2 of the Convention concerning the procedure for amending the Performance standard,

RECOGNIZING the need to keep the Performance standard up to date with regard to references to other IMO instruments contained therein,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its 108th session, amendments to the Performance standard, proposed and circulated in accordance with VIII(b)(i) of the Convention,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with Article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Performance standard for protective coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double-side skin spaces of bulk carriers, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2025, unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet have notified the Secretary-General of their objections to the amendments;

3 INVITES SOLAS Contracting Governments to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with Article VIII(b)(v) of the Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex to all Contracting Governments to the Convention;

5 ALSO REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its annex to Members of the Organization which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention.

ANNEX

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6 COATING INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

6.1 General

- 1 The existing paragraph 6.1.1 is replaced by the following:

"6.1.1 To ensure compliance with this Standard, the following shall be carried out by qualified coating inspectors certified to AMPP Certified Coatings Inspector, FROSIO Inspector Level III or equivalent as verified by the Administration."

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