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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,

NOTING resolution MSC.36(63), by which it adopted the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft ("the 1994 HSC Code"), which has become mandatory under chapter X of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 ("the Convention"),

NOTING ALSO article VIII(b) and regulation X/1.1 of the Convention concerning the procedure for amending the 1994 HSC Code,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its 110th session, amendments to the 1994 HSC Code proposed and circulated in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) of the Convention,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 1994 HSC Code, 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 said amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2027, 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 Contracting Governments to the Convention to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2028 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General, for the purposes of 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.

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**CHAPTER 8
LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES AND ARRANGEMENTS**

8.3 Personal life-saving appliances

1 Paragraph 8.3.5 is replaced by the following:

"8.3.5 A lifejacket complying with the requirements of regulation III/32.1 or III/32.2 of the Convention should be provided for every person on board the craft and, in addition:

- .1 a number of lifejackets suitable for children equal to at least 10% of the number of passengers on board should be provided or such greater number as may be required to provide a lifejacket for each child;
- .2 every passenger craft should carry lifejackets for not less than 5% of the total number of persons on board. These lifejackets should be stowed in conspicuous places on deck or at muster stations;
- .3 a sufficient number of lifejackets should be carried for persons on watch and for use at remotely located survival craft and rescue boat stations;
- .4 all lifejackets should be fitted with a light, which complies with the requirements of regulation III/32.3 of the Convention; and
- .5 in addition, on all craft, the following should be provided no later than the date of the first renewal survey on or after 1 January 2028:
 - .1 for passenger craft on voyages less than 24 hours, a number of infant lifejackets equal to at least 2.5% of the number of passengers on board should be provided;
 - .2 for passenger craft on voyages 24 hours or greater, infant lifejackets should be provided for each infant on board; and
 - .3 if the adult lifejackets provided are not designed to fit persons weighing up to 140 kg and with a chest girth of up to 1,750 mm, a sufficient number of suitable accessories should be available on board to allow them to be secured to such persons."

ANNEX 1

FORM OF SAFETY CERTIFICATE FOR HIGH-SPEED CRAFT

Record of Equipment for High-Speed Craft Safety Certificate

2 Details of life-saving appliances

1 In the table for "Details of life-saving appliances", a new entry 8.3 is inserted under existing entry 8.2, as follows:

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8.3	Number suitable for infants	
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5 Details of navigational systems and equipment

2 In the table for "Details of navigational systems and equipment", new entries 16.1 to 16.3 are added under existing entry 15, as follows:

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16.1	Pilot ladder and manropes	
16.2	Spare pilot ladder and manropes	
16.3	Means of securing a pilot ladder at intermediate length	

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