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THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING article 1(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, according to which the purpose of the Organization is to provide machinery for cooperation among Governments in the field of governmental regulation and practices relating to technical matters of all kinds affecting shipping engaged in international trade; to encourage and facilitate the general adoption of the highest practicable standards in matters concerning the maritime safety, efficiency of navigation and prevention and control of marine pollution from ships; and to deal with administrative and legal matters related to the purposes set out in this article,

RECALLING ALSO that the mission of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), as a United Nations specialized agency, is to promote safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation,

REAFFIRMING the principles enshrined in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, and other international instruments establishing cooperation among States,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the importance of maritime domain awareness, and the need to improve coordination and information exchange among Member States, international organizations and stakeholders in order to assist in the fight against organized crime threats in the maritime sector,

RECALLING resolution A.1190(33) on *Enhancing the framework on the fight against organized crime in the maritime sector*, inviting Member States to share with the Organization the strategies that, in their experience, have worked to mitigate the impacts of organized crime on international maritime traffic and port facilities,

RECOGNIZING the existence and fundamental role of national and regional maritime information-sharing centres, which facilitate coordination and cooperation, threat analysis and informed decision-making in matters of maritime safety and security, which will contribute to the safety, security, prevention and resilience of the sector, noting the important role of the human element in the maritime traffic to the Organization and its Member States,

CONCERNED ABOUT threats of organized crime, which are detrimental to Member States and industry by weakening governance, harming the economy and generating violence,

1 ENCOURAGES sharing of relevant information, including data on maritime safety and security, illicit activities in the maritime sector, environmental incidents and search and rescue situations, to include the use of national and regional maritime information-sharing centres;

2 REQUESTS the IMO Secretariat to work with Member States and relevant international organizations to promote training initiatives, exchange of best practices and technical assistance in order to enhance the sharing of information related to maritime safety and security.

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