INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR WOMEN IN MARITIME

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the World Maritime theme for 2019: "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community",

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.1147(31) on Preserving the legacy of the World Maritime theme for 2019 and achieving a barrier-free working environment for women in the maritime sector, which encourages, inter alia, further networking at the Organization to promote the goals embraced by the 2019 World Maritime theme, including developing concrete initiatives on empowering women and advancing gender equality at the Organization and in the wider maritime community based on open dialogue and wider engagement between the Member States and observer delegations,

AFFIRMING the commitments made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 5, which aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls,

NOTING that United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/74/128, adopted on 18 December 2019, highlights the need raised in previous resolutions regarding "Strengthening the institutional arrangements for support of gender equality and the empowerment of women" and calls upon all actors, including Governments, the United Nations system and its specialized agencies, other international organizations and civil society to intensify and accelerate action to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action,

NOTING ALSO that United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/74/128, inter alia, calls upon Governments and all other stakeholders to systematically mainstream a gender perspective into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and requests the entities of the United Nations system to ensure effective support for the efforts of Member States towards the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls,

RECOGNIZING the Organization's central role in enhancing progress towards gender integration within the maritime sector, through its Women in Maritime Programme,
RECOGNIZING ALSO the eight regional Women in Maritime Associations (WIMAs) established under the auspices of IMO, which provide a forum for women to network, access knowledge and share best practices,
WELCOMING the progress made in the maritime industry and lessons learned from the eminent women in the industry and the resilience and perseverance that drove their success,

NOTING WITH CONCERN that the testimony of women from across the various maritime industries demonstrates that barriers and obstacles still exist at every level and the work towards gender equality, including the fostering of a safe environment for women in the maritime sector, remains incomplete and thus should continue to be pursued,

NOTING that the seventy-first session of the Technical Cooperation Committee expressed its strong support for a proposal to designate 18 May each year as the IMO-proclaimed "International Day for Women in Maritime" and that the Council, at its thirty-fourth extraordinary session, endorsed such designation, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a draft Assembly resolution to the thirty-second session of the Assembly for adoption,

1 DECIDES to establish 18 May of each year as the IMO-proclaimed "International Day for Women in Maritime";

2 INVITES Member States, the maritime industry, and all others in the maritime endeavour to promote and celebrate the International Day for Women in Maritime in an appropriate and meaningful manner;

3 INVITES Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO to submit to the Secretariat, on a yearly basis, information related to the celebration of the International Day for Women in Maritime;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report on information received, through the Council.