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**SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR MERCHANT VESSELS AND THEIR CREW
INVOLVED IN THE RESCUE OF MIXED MIGRANTS AT SEA**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 98 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and regulation V/33 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea and the duty of ships to assist those in distress or in danger of being lost at sea,

RECALLING ALSO its resolution A.1093(29), adopted on 2 December 2015, on *Special recognition for merchant vessels and their crew involved in the rescue of mixed migrants at sea*, requesting the Secretary-General to issue special certificates, retroactively from 1 January 2014, marking the commendation by the Assembly to any merchant vessel and its crew participating in the rescue of mixed migrants at sea, nominated only by Member Governments,

GRAVELY CONCERNED about the continuous worldwide crisis of migration, including the transportation of mixed migrants by sea in grossly overloaded, unsafe vessels resulting in the loss of thousands of lives,

RECOGNIZING that merchant vessels continue to divert from their intended voyage to rescue migrants in danger of being lost at sea, and that any rescue, in particular those involving multiple survivors, necessarily entails danger not only to those being rescued but to the rescuers themselves,

NOTING WITH GREAT ADMIRATION the extraordinary efforts, great skill, courage, professionalism and selfless concern for others demonstrated by crews of all merchant vessels involved in the rescue operation of migrants at sea,

CONSIDERING the endorsement of the Council, at its 129th session, of the recommendation to revise resolution A.1093(29) in order to extend to intergovernmental organizations in cooperation with IMO and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO the request for information on merchant vessels and their crew deserving such recognition,

1 COMMENDS all merchant vessels and their crew participating in the rescue of mixed migrants at sea for their bravery, professionalism and compassion embodying the highest traditions of the sea;

2 REQUESTS the Secretary-General to continue issuing special certificates, retroactively from 1 January 2014, marking this commendation by the Assembly, to be awarded to any merchant vessel and its crew participating in the rescue of mixed migrants at sea;

3 ALSO REQUESTS Member Governments, intergovernmental organizations in cooperation with IMO and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO to provide information to the Secretary-General on merchant vessels and their crew deserving such commendation;

4 REVOKES resolution A.1093(29) on *Special recognition for merchant vessels and their crew involved in the rescue of mixed migrants at sea.*
