ANNEX 4

RESOLUTION MEPC.229(65)

Adopted on 17 May 2013

PROMOTION OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF SHIPS

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (the Organization) concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (the Committee) conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

HAVING ADOPTED, by resolution MEPC.203(62), the amendments to MARPOL Annex VI for inclusion of regulations on energy efficiency for ships,

BEING COGNIZANT of the principles enshrined in the Convention on the Organization, including the principle of non-discrimination, as well as the principle of no more favourable treatment enshrined in MARPOL and other IMO Conventions,

BEING COGNIZANT ALSO of the principles enshrined in the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol including the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities,

BEING AWARE that Parties to MARPOL Annex VI are expected to give full and complete effect to chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI,

1 REQUESTS the Organization, through its various programmes, to provide technical assistance to Member States to enable cooperation in the transfer of energy efficient technologies to developing countries in particular; and further assist in the sourcing of funding for capacity-building and support to States, in particular developing States, which have requested technology transfer;

2 INVITES international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the industry to contribute in any manner possible and as appropriate to enhancing the effective implementation of chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI;

3 DECIDES to establish, with full stakeholder participation, an Ad hoc Expert Working Group on facilitation of Transfer of Technology for ships (AHEWG-TT) with a mandate to:

.1 assess the potential implications and impacts of the implementation of the regulations in chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI, in particular, on developing States, as a means to identify their technology transfer and financial needs, if any;

- .2 identify and create an inventory of energy efficiency technologies for ships; identify barriers to transfer of technology, in particular to developing States, including associated costs, and possible sources of funding and make recommendations, including the development of a model agreement enabling the transfer of financial and technological resources and capacity-building between Parties, for the implementation of the regulations in chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI; and
- .3 report to MEPC;

4 RECOGNIZES that the transfer of technology needs to respect property rights, including intellectual property rights, and to be on mutually agreed terms and conditions;

5 REQUESTS Member States, in cooperation with the Organization and other international bodies, other interested countries and industry programmes, to promote the provision directly, or through the Organization, of support to States, in particular to developing States, that need and request technical assistance for the assessment of the implications of becoming a Party to the regulations in chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI;

6 URGES also Member States with an ability to do so, and subject to their respective national laws, regulations and policies, to promote the provision directly, or through the Organization, of support especially to developing States and including, but not limited with regard to:

- .1 transfer of energy efficiency technologies for ships;
- .2 research and development for the improvement of energy efficiency of ships;
- .3 training of personnel, for the effective implementation and enforcement of the regulations in chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI; and
- .4 the exchange of information and technical co-operation relating to the improvement of energy efficiency for ships;

7 INVITES the Secretary-General of the Organization to make adequate provisions in its integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP) related to the effective implementation and enforcement of the requirements of chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI by developing countries, particularly the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Islands Developing States (SIDS); and

8 AGREES to keep under review the implementation of measures for the promotion of technical cooperation related to the energy efficiency of ships, as set out in this resolution.
