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**NOTIFICATION AND CIRCULATION THROUGH THE
GLOBAL INTEGRATED SHIPPING INFORMATION SYSTEM (GISIS)**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety and the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING ALSO that one of the goals of the Organization is to ensure the consistent and effective implementation of IMO instruments globally and compliance with their requirements,

RECALLING FURTHER that, since 2004, the Strategic Plan for the Organization has promoted the effective use of information and communication technology and the availability of, and access to, information relating to ship safety and security and environmental protection (i.e. transparency),

RECALLING IN PARTICULAR that, by resolution A.1029(26) on the *Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)*, it recognized that GISIS aims at facilitating, inter alia, Member States' compliance with reporting requirements, and urged Member States specifically to use GISIS reporting facilities to sustain and enhance compliance with mandatory reporting requirements, as contained in those mandatory instruments to which they are Parties, thereby potentially assisting them in the context of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that GISIS has been continuously developed and additional modules have been released since its launch in 2005 in order to allow a wider coverage of direct reporting by Member States in compliance with existing requirements,

RECOGNIZING that, in order to promote the implementation of mandatory IMO instruments, the effective use of information and communication technology would contribute significantly to all Member States fulfilling their obligations of mandatory reporting and that the circulation of any such notification by the Organization could be achieved through the GISIS system,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the important role the system could play in respect of enhancing the rate of notification and potentially reducing the administrative burden for the Contracting Governments or Parties,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the fact that, once the Organization has been notified through GISIS by a Contracting Government or Party, the related mandatory report would also become accessible to other Contracting Governments or Parties through GISIS, and the administrative burden of the Organization could be reduced,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Facilitation Committee at its thirty-eighth session, the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-fifth session and the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-second session,

1 AGREES that notification through GISIS should be considered as one effective way for Contracting Governments or Parties to IMO instruments to fulfil their reporting obligations under the various mandatory IMO instruments;

2 FURTHER AGREES that once Contracting Governments or Parties have notified through GISIS in respect of a reporting requirement to the Organization, the requirement for the Organization to circulate any such notification under the IMO instrument concerned would have been met;

3 URGES Member States to use the reporting facilities available through GISIS to fulfil their reporting obligations under the various IMO instruments and to work towards the improvement of the quality of the data being collected through GISIS by implementing comprehensive validation processes when entering data into the system;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General to continue developing the system, particularly its modules related to mandatory reporting requirements, in close cooperation with Member States, IMO organs, international organizations and all other stakeholders of the global maritime community, as appropriate.
