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**TRANSITION FROM THE VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME
TO THE IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME**

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, through resolution A.946(23), it approved the establishment and further development of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme (hereinafter referred to as the "Audit Scheme") and, through resolution A.1018(26), the time frame and schedule of activities for the consideration and introduction of an institutionalized IMO Member State Audit Scheme,

HAVING ADOPTED resolution A.1070(28) on the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code) and resolution A.1067(28) on the Framework and Procedures for the IMO Member State Audit Scheme, with the former being the new audit standard,

NOTING that several mandatory IMO instruments will be amended to make the use of the III Code and the auditing of Member States mandatory in order to assess the extent to which a Member State complies with its obligations contained in the applicable IMO instruments to which it is a Party,

BEING DESIROUS of ensuring that Member States, wishing to be audited after the adoption of the present resolution and prior to the entry into force of amendments to the applicable IMO instruments to make the use of the III Code and auditing of Parties to those instruments concerned mandatory, can be audited on a common platform and methodology that will be used for the foreseeable future,

HAVING CONSIDERED the decisions of the Council at its 110th regular session in this regard,

1 DECIDES that all audits to be undertaken from the adoption of this resolution should be arranged and carried out in line with the Framework and Procedures for the IMO Member State Audit Scheme and using the III Code as the audit standard;

2 URGES Governments to continue to volunteer and make themselves available for audits under the mandatory IMO instruments previously covered by the Audit Scheme leading up to the entry into force of the aforementioned amendments.
