IMPLEMENTATION OF PART (C) OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE IMO CONVENTION

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the adoption by the Assembly, at its eighteenth regular session in 1993, of resolution A.735(18) on Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”), whereby the number of Members of the Council of the Organization was increased to 40 in order to ensure better representation therein of the interests of all IMO Member Governments,

RECALLING ALSO Article 17 of the Convention concerning the election, by the Assembly, of the Council on the basis of criteria specified therein,

RECALLING IN PARTICULAR part (c) of Article 17, which requires that the Assembly, in electing the Members of the Council, shall observe that, of these:

“(c) Twenty shall be States not elected under (a) or (b), which have special interests in maritime transport or navigation, and whose election to the Council will ensure the representation of all major geographic areas of the world”,

BEING CONSCIOUS of the need to ensure that this resolution does not, in any way, conflict with the provisions of part (c) of Article 17 of the Convention,

DESIRING to ensure that the criteria set out in part (c) of Article 17 of the Convention, as specified in the third preambular paragraph above, are met fully,

DESIRING ALSO to ensure that, through its composition, the Council is representative, balanced, diverse, efficient and supportive of the interests of the whole membership,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations made by the Council at its ninety-seventh and ninety-eighth sessions,

1. URGES Member Governments wishing to present their candidature for election to the Council to do so under the applicable part of Article 17 of the Convention, taking into account their particular characteristics and interests;
2. URGES ALSO those Member Governments wishing to present their candidature for election to the Council under part (c) of Article 17 of the Convention to emphasize in their submissions:
   (a) their special interests in maritime transport or navigation; and
   (b) how their election to the Council will contribute to ensuring the representation of all the major geographic areas of the world;

3. ENCOURAGES Member Governments, when considering nominations for the election of the Members of the Council under part (c) of Article 17 of the Convention, to take into account:
   (a) the special interests in maritime transport or navigation of each candidate; and
   (b) the need to ensure the representation of all the major geographic areas of the world;

4. REQUESTS the Council to keep this item under review and, if necessary, to consider whether additional guidance or other appropriate measures are called for in order to achieve the aims of Article 17(c) of the Convention; and to advise the Assembly accordingly.

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