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GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF IMO’S INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME IN SUPPORT OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Articles 2(e) and 15(k) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Organization in relation to the facilitation and promotion of technical cooperation,

RECALLING ALSO the Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018-2023, which reaffirms, inter alia, the Organization’s intention to continue implementing projects to provide targeted capacity building and technical cooperation,

NOTING United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/1 Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda), which sets out 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) to ensure that the purpose of the 2030 Agenda is realized and calls upon global partnerships to work together to ensure their implementation,

NOTING IN PARTICULAR the United Nations General Assembly resolutions which impact directly on the direction and objectives of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP), including inter alia:

(a) A/RES/71/244 South-South cooperation, which requests those specialized agencies of the United Nations system that have not yet integrated South-South and triangular cooperation into their policies to do so, taking into account the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation;

(b) A/RES/71/238 Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
(c) A/RES/71/225 Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(d) A/RES/71/223 Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development; and


RECOGNIZING the Organization’s obligations and responsibilities to implement, through its standard-setting work and its technical cooperation activities, the aims and objectives of the SDGs and their targets, and of the need to mobilize the means required to support with concrete actions the realization of the 2030 Agenda, including the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (A/RES/69/313),

1 DECIDES that the guiding principles governing IMO's technical assistance, through the framework of the ITCP and as a means to promote the 2030 Agenda, will focus on the delivery of the SDGs, giving priority to meeting the special assistance needs of Africa, Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States, and empowering women as key maritime resources (as illustrated in the annex under the “ITCP strategic and implementation principles”);

2 REAFFIRMS the delivery mechanisms for the ITCP, in collaboration with regional implementing partners, of knowledge-sharing and capacity building through technical advisory services and maritime training events; and assistance in the elaboration of national maritime transport policies and regional strategies for marine pollution response;

3 INVITES Member States to meet the challenge of realizing the 2030 Agenda by exploring the alignment of their goals and those of the SDGs, with a view to generating a symbiosis with the activities of the ITCP;

4 URGES Member States to ensure the integration of maritime issues within their United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks, which will determine their national priority areas of funding and support for maritime technical assistance activities;

5 ALSO URGES Member States to contribute to the work of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) and to the UNDG Working Group for the development of specific technical performance indicators against which will be determined the success of maritime technical assistance activities;

6 INVITES Member States, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and industry to engage actively in the support of the ITCP and its guiding principles as a key mechanism for IMO to foster compliance and uniform implementation, by developing countries, of its instruments governing international shipping;

7 REVOKES resolution A.901(21).

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### ITCP STRATEGIC AND IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLES

- ownership of the development and implementation process by the beneficiary countries
- promotion of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, through the delivery of the SDGs identified as relevant to IMO’s technical assistance work
- contribution to the work of the United Nations Development Group and the UNDG Working Group in the development of specific performance indicators against which will be determined the success of maritime technical assistance activities
- priority to meeting the special assistance needs of Africa, Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States, and empowering women as key maritime resources
- integration of IMO’s regulatory priorities into the programme-building process
- development of human resources and institutional capacities on a sustainable basis, including the integration of women as key stakeholders in the maritime sector
- integration of South-South and Triangular Cooperation into IMO’s programmes
- development and enhancement of effective partnership arrangements, both financial and in-kind, in order to ensure the long-term and sustainable delivery of ITCP activities
- promotion of the use of Country Maritime Profiles and formulation of National Maritime Transport Policies
- delivery of technical assistance through knowledge-sharing; technical advisory services; and maritime training events
- delivery of ITCP activities through modern and digital technology
- mobilization of regional expertise and resources for technical assistance activities
- coordination with other development aid programmes in the maritime sector
- application of monitoring and evaluation systems to measure the effectiveness of the ITCP against programme targets