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**PERIODIC REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS
IN MANDATORY IMO INSTRUMENTS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING resolutions A.1037(27) and A.1038(27) by which it approved, respectively, the Strategic Plan for the Organization (for the six-year period 2012 to 2017) and the High-level Action Plan of the Organization and priorities for the 2012-2013 biennium,

BEING COMMITTED to ensuring the fulfilment of the Organization's aims and objectives to ensure better regulation by introducing a process of periodic review of administrative requirements in mandatory instruments,

ACKNOWLEDGING that facilitating better regulation is a necessary step towards releasing resources from administrative tasks for Administrations and industry alike, thus contributing to the Organization's goals of efficient regulation of safety and security of shipping and the prevention and control of pollution by ships,

BEING AWARE that safety, security and environmental protection are the Organization's overriding priorities and that these must not be compromised by the work to ensure better regulation through the introduction of the process for periodic review of administrative requirements,

EMPHASIZING that due attention should be given to ensuring that any administrative requirements have an added value and are proportional to the desired outcome for all interested stakeholders,

HAVING AGREED that an administrative requirement arising from a mandatory IMO instrument is defined as an obligation to provide or retain information and data and that an administrative burden is an administrative requirement that is, or has become, unnecessary, disproportionate or even obsolete,

HAVING AGREED FURTHER that an administrative requirement does not necessarily mean that information has to be transferred to the public authority or private persons, but may include a duty to have information available for inspection or supply on request,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the Council at its twenty-sixth extraordinary session,

1. REQUESTS the Council to establish the Ad Hoc Steering Group for Reducing Administrative Requirements, with appropriate terms of reference;
 2. INSTRUCTS the Secretary-General to submit, for the Council's consideration, proposals on the membership of the Ad Hoc Steering Group for Reducing Administrative Requirements;
 3. ALSO REQUESTS the Council to inform the Committees of these efforts to reduce administrative burdens and to raise awareness of potential administrative burdens;
 4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Council to monitor the outcome of the periodic review process and its recommendations and to send a progress report to the Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;
 5. INVITES the Council to continue its efforts aimed at promoting the development and implementation of better regulations.
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