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Resolution A.909(22)

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POLICY MAKING IN IMO - SETTING THE ORGANIZATION'S POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING PART I of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, and in particular Article 1(a) thereof,

RECALLING ALSO Part II of the Convention, and in particular Article 2(a) and (c) thereof,

RECALLING FURTHER resolution A.900(21) on Objectives of Organization in the 2000s,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation of the Council at its twenty-first extraordinary session,

1. ENDORSES the decision taken by the Council to encourage the development of an open and transparent system of setting the broad policies of the Organization within the Council for approval by the Assembly;

2. AGREES with the Council that:

- (a) when defining the goals of the Organization, maximum care should be exercised to ensure that the wishes of its Member Governments are properly reflected in such goals, in the shaping of which the proposals of the Secretary-General and the needs of the shipping industry should be duly taken into account;
- (b) all Member Governments should be aware that they have an opportunity to contribute to the shaping of the Organization's broad policies;
- (c) Council should review and elaborate the Organization's general vision of the way ahead; and

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(d) to ensure that the whole Membership is provided with an opportunity to contribute constructively to any policy preparation and evaluation, all Member Governments, whether Members of the Council or not, should be encouraged to submit policy documents to the Council for consideration;

3. **REQUESTS** the Council to take appropriate action to ensure the implementation of this resolution; and to report to the Assembly as appropriate.