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**SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE IMO INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE**

THE ASSEMBLY,

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

RECALLING ALSO that the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in Malta was established in 1988 as an international centre for the training of specialists in maritime law and for the development and dissemination of knowledge and expertise in the international legal regime of merchant shipping and related areas of maritime law and the general law of the sea, in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the International Maritime Organization; and to promote greater global implementation of international codes and regulations in order to achieve the Organization's twin goals of safety at sea and marine environmental protection, as well as to increase efficiency of maritime transportation,

RECALLING IN PARTICULAR the provisions of resolution A.900(21), Objectives of the Organization in the 2000s, which acknowledged, *inter alia*, the special contribution of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute to the attainment of the objectives of the Organization,

RECOGNIZING that the Institute has to date provided specialist maritime law education and training to 236 men and women from 90 countries and territories around the world, thus benefiting directly the great majority of IMO Member States,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that the IMLI programme has been a great success, as indicated by the increasing number of IMLI graduates in senior positions in the global maritime sector at both the national and international level, the steadily rising demand for study and training at the Institute, and the recognition which IMLI has received in the international milieu of higher education,

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ACKNOWLEDGING the contribution that IMLI graduates make to a safe, efficient and environmentally sound maritime industry,

ACKNOWLEDGING ALSO that the development and progress of the IMLI would not have been possible without the continued generous financial support provided by a number of countries and organizations since its inception,

BEING AWARE that the IMLI needs more broadly based and sustainable financial support from IMO Member States and the maritime industry if it is to continue discharging effectively its mandate and service to the global maritime community,

HAVING considered the recommendation made by the Council at its twenty-first extraordinary session,

1. REAFFIRMS the importance and continued necessity of the IMLI as an instrument of IMO to provide advanced education, training and technical advice in maritime law in furtherance of the objectives and goals of the International Maritime Organization and its Member States;
2. URGES Member States to:
 - (a) consider committing themselves to making specified regular annual contributions and/or donations, in cash or in kind, to the IMLI for core operational and/or student fellowship funding;
 - (b) encourage the shipping and related maritime industry in their countries effectively to use and financially support the IMLI programme; and
 - (c) support initiatives to seek the establishment of multilateral funding support for the IMLI;
3. ALSO URGES the direct beneficiaries of the education and training provided by the Institute to act as a catalyst within their own countries for the achievement of the objectives listed under operative paragraph 2; and
4. INVITES all sectors of the maritime industry to support the Institute through core operational funding and through the provision of fellowships.
