

ANNEX 5**RESOLUTION MSC.97(73)****(adopted on 5 December 2000)****ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SAFETY FOR
HIGH-SPEED CRAFT, 2000 (2000 HSC Code)**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING the International Code for the Safety of High-Speed Craft (1994 HSC Code) and chapter X of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"), which made the 1994 HSC Code mandatory under the Convention,

RECOGNIZING that development of novel types and sizes of high-speed craft and improvements of maritime safety standards since the adoption of the 1994 HSC Code necessitate the revision of the provisions for the design, construction, equipment and operation of high-speed craft in order to maintain the highest practical level of safety,

NOTING ALSO resolution MSC.99(73) by which it adopted amendments to chapter X of the Convention to make the provisions of the International Code for the Safety of High-Speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code) mandatory under the Convention for high-speed craft constructed on or after 1 July 2002,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its seventy-third session, the text of the draft 2000 HSC Code which has been developed following a thorough revision of the 1994 HSC Code,

1. ADOPTS the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code), the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. INVITES Contracting Governments to the Convention to note that the 2000 HSC Code will take effect on 1 July 2002 upon entry into force of the amendments to chapter X of the Convention;
3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the 2000 HSC Code contained in the Annex to all Contracting Governments to the Convention;
4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and the Annex to all Members of the Organization which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention.