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**ENTRY INTO FORCE OF ANNEX VI OF MARPOL 73/78**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships and other matters concerning the effect of shipping on the marine environment,

RECALLING ALSO that the Conference of Parties to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (hereinafter referred to as the Conference) adopted on 26 September 1997 the Protocol of 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the 1997 Protocol) to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, through which Annex VI on Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships was added to MARPOL 73/78,

NOTING that the Conference, by Resolution 1 on the Review of the 1997 Protocol, urged Member States of the Organization to take the necessary steps to consent to be bound by the 1997 Protocol not later than 31 December 2002,

NOTING ALSO that the Conference invited, if the conditions for entry into force of the 1997 Protocol had not been met by 31 December 2002, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its first meeting thereafter, to initiate, as a matter of urgency, a review to identify the impediments for entry into force of the 1997 Protocol and any necessary measures to alleviate those impediments,

NOTING FURTHER that the 1997 Protocol shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than fifteen States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50 percent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have become Parties to the 1997 Protocol and that, as of 29 November 2001, only four States representing approximately 14.28 percent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, had ratified the 1997 Protocol,

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RECOGNIZING that the shipping industry is prepared for implementation of the requirements of Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78, in particular, those in the NO<sub>x</sub> Technical Code, control on the use of ozone-depleting substances, incineration and sulphur content control in fuel oils,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the urgent need to implement the international requirements for prevention of air pollution from ships on a worldwide basis under Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78,

BEING CONVINCED that the promotion of technical co-operation will expedite the acceptance and implementation of the 1997 Protocol by States,

1. URGES Governments to consider accepting the 1997 Protocol at the earliest possible opportunity;
2. INVITES Governments, in co-operation with IMO, to promote and provide, directly or through IMO, support to States which request technical assistance for the development of national legislation to give effect to the 1997 Protocol and for the introduction of other measures for its effective implementation;
3. REQUESTS the Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its first meeting in 2003, to review the situation concerning entry into force of the 1997 Protocol in the light of Resolution 1 of the Conference, if it deems necessary depending on progress with ratifications;
4. REQUESTS ALSO the Marine Environment Protection Committee to consider necessary measures to alleviate any impediments;
5. REQUESTS FURTHER the Secretary-General to take any such additional measures as may be required to assist Member Governments in the process of becoming Parties to the 1997 Protocol and implementing its requirements.

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