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**SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR  
THE WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY**

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 that the World Maritime University (WMU) was established in 1983 pursuant to Assembly resolution A.501(XII) of November 1981, for the purpose of (a) providing advanced maritime education and training for senior maritime personnel, in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the International Maritime Organization; and (b) promoting the achievement of the highest practicable global standards in matters concerning maritime safety, marine environmental protection and the 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 World Maritime University to the attainment of the objectives of the Organization,

RECOGNIZING that the WMU has to date provided specialist maritime education and training to 1,750 men and women from 141 countries around the world, thus benefiting directly the great majority of IMO Member States,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that the WMU programme has been a great success, as indicated by the increasing number of WMU 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 WMU, and the critical acclaim and recognition which WMU has received in the international milieu of higher education,

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

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

BEING AWARE that the WMU 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 Technical Co-operation Committee at its fiftieth session,

1. REAFFIRMS the importance and continued necessity of the WMU as an instrument of IMO to provide advanced maritime education, training and technical advice 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 WMU 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 WMU programme; and
  - (c) support initiatives to seek the establishment of multilateral funding support for the WMU;
3. ALSO URGES the direct beneficiaries of the education and training provided by the World Maritime University 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 World Maritime University through core operational funding and through the provision of fellowships.