

RESOLUTION A.549(13)

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Agenda item 18

REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING resolution A.501(XII) by which it decided to establish the World Maritime University to meet the vital need for training of personnel in the running of safe and efficient merchant marines, the operation of efficient ports and sound maritime administrations in developing countries,

REITERATING its firm conviction that the World Maritime University will make an invaluable contribution to the promotion of safer shipping and international co-operation for the protection of the marine environment and marine resources through high-level training at the global level,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the report of the Secretary-General that the World Maritime University is now fully operational and is being utilized by developing countries from all parts of the world,

NOTING WITH PROFOUND GRATITUDE the tremendous efforts made by the Secretary-General which have so successfully brought to fruition the hopes of the Assembly within such a short period of time,

RECALLING the contribution so far made by many Governments and other institutions to the establishment and operation of the World Maritime University,

CONVINCED of the vital necessity of placing the World Maritime University on a secure financial basis in order, *inter alia*, to enable developing countries to make medium- and long-term plans for the training of their senior maritime personnel at the World Maritime University,

1. APPEALS to Governments and other institutions, including institutions of the private sector, for continued and increased financial support for the World Maritime University;
2. RECOMMENDS the organization of a consortium for the purpose of securing, over and above the contributions of the Government of Sweden, the financial support of the United Nations Development Programme and the facilities of the City of Malmö, the recurring contributions necessary to permit the continued operation of the World Maritime University;
3. DECIDES to establish a working group of the Assembly, open to all interested Member States, to assist in the organization of the consortium;
4. AUTHORIZES AND REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take all appropriate and necessary steps to facilitate and assist the work of the working group;
5. FURTHER AUTHORIZES AND REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take all appropriate and necessary action for the development, functioning and consolidation of the World Maritime University, in consultation, when appropriate, with the Board of Governors of the University.