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**RESOLUTION ON EARLY AND EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF
HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS**

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,

NOTING that the International Conference on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems for Ships has adopted the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") on 5 October 2001,

NOTING ALSO that the said Conference adopted Resolution 1 requesting Member States of the Organization to do their utmost to prepare for consent to be bound by the Convention as a matter of urgency, observing the effective date of 1 January 2003 mentioned in Annex 1 thereto,

RECALLING that the Preamble of the Convention refers to the precautionary approach, as set out in Principle 15 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,

MINDFUL of the importance of disseminating information regarding the measures taken by Governments as provided for in article 9 of the Convention,

1. URGES Governments to provide any information available regarding any anti-fouling systems they have approved, restricted or prohibited under domestic law as soon as possible, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1)(b) of article 9 of the Convention; and

2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to make available, by any appropriate means, any information communicated to the Organization, when it is received, as provided for in paragraph (2) of article 9 of the Convention.

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