

3. RECOMMENDS that the Council and the Committees entertain proposals for new conventions or amendments to existing conventions only on the basis of clear and well-documented demonstration of compelling need, taking into account the undesirability of modifying conventions not yet in force or of amending existing conventions unless such latter instruments have been in force for a reasonable period of time and experience has been gained of their operation, and having regard to the costs to the maritime industry and the burden on the legislative and administrative resources of Member States;
4. RECOMMENDS that the Committees carrying out their functions on the basis of the principle that provisions of new conventions or of amendments to existing conventions relating to the structure of ships should apply only to ships built after the entry into force of the instrument or instruments in question and that other provisions should not apply to ships built before the entry into force of the instrument or instruments in question unless there is a compelling need and the costs and benefits of the measures have been fully considered;
5. INVITES Member Governments to bring this resolution to the attention of their representatives who attend meetings of the Organization.

#### **RESOLUTION A.501(XII)**

*Adopted on 20 November 1981  
Agenda item 12(b)*

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGH-LEVEL WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY AT MALMÖ, SWEDEN**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the paramount responsibilities of IMCO in the field of maritime safety and the prevention of marine pollution from ships,

RECOGNIZING the crucial importance of maritime training in the continuing efforts of the Organization and its Member Governments to promote safer shipping and cleaner oceans for the development and benefit of international shipping and the protection of the marine environment and marine resources,

BEING AWARE that the rapid technological developments in shipping have produced increased needs for better education and training of maritime personnel,

RECOGNIZING that the implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, will require the improvement of maritime training facilities and teaching staff in developing countries,

BEING CONCERNED about the acute shortage of qualified instructors for staffing many existing maritime academies and new institutions being established in developing countries, and the non-availability of the needed numbers of maritime administrators, examiners, surveyors and inspectors,

CONVINCED of the vital necessity of such trained personnel in the running of safe and efficient merchant marines, the operation of efficient ports and sound maritime administrations in general,

CONVINCED therefore of the urgent need to provide for high-level training facilities and opportunities for the technical and other personnel responsible for the marine programmes of developing countries,

HAVING NOTED resolution IV adopted at the IMCO/SIDA Seminar on the implementation of global maritime training standards for the enhancement of maritime safety and prevention of marine pollution, entitled "Supporting the establishment of an international university of maritime sciences and technology in Malmö, Sweden" and the unanimous support expressed by the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee for this resolution,

NOTING with appreciation that facilities for a high-level maritime training institution for the benefit of developing countries will be made available at Malmö, Sweden,

EMPHASIZING that the proposed high-level training institution is intended to be complementary to existing and planned national and regional academies in developing countries and, in particular, to help produce the vitally needed personnel to staff and run such academies,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the warm welcome and strong support expressed by the representatives of developing countries for the establishment of such an institution in Sweden,

1. EXPRESSES its sincere gratitude to the Secretary-General for his wise and timely initiative in identifying the critical need for a global high-level maritime training institution;
2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take all further necessary action for the establishment of the world maritime university;
3. AUTHORIZES AND REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take all appropriate and necessary steps for securing the requisite financial support, especially from the United Nations Development Programme;
4. APPEALS to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to give the highest priority to his consideration of this extremely important project with a view to providing necessary financial support;
5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report further to the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Committee on Technical Co-operation of the Organization on progress with respect to the proposed high-level world maritime university.