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**OTHER DECISIONS* OF THE THIRTIETH REGULAR SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY
AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (agenda item 1)

The Assembly adopted the agenda (contained in document A 30/1) as well as the proposed timetable (contained in document A 30/1/1) as recommended by the Meeting of Heads of Delegation.

Reference documents: A 30/1 and A 30/1/1

Audio file: Monday, 27 November 2017: a.m.

**2 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE
ASSEMBLY (agenda item 2)**

2.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/2, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the election of the President, a first Vice-President and a second Vice-President, in accordance with rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

2.2 The Assembly elected the following officers to hold office until the thirty-first regular session:

President of the Assembly: His Excellency Mr. Rolando Drago Rodríguez (Chile)

First Vice-President: His Excellency Mr. Euripides L. Evriviades (Cyprus)

Second Vice-President: Her Excellency Ms. Tamar Beruchashvili (Georgia)

2.3 The Plurinational State of Bolivia made a statement regarding the election of the President of the Assembly, in which it expressed its dissatisfaction with the consultation process, at the regional level, for the nomination of a candidate from Chile. The Plurinational State of Bolivia abstained from voting but declared that, in keeping with the principle of cooperation, it would not stand against the election of the Chilean candidate as the President of the Assembly. The full statement of the Plurinational State of Bolivia is contained in the audio file referred to below.

Reference document: A 30/2

Audio file: Monday, 27 November 2017: a.m.

* The Other Decisions of the Assembly customarily included in the biennial publication of IMO Assembly resolutions will also be available on IMODOCS.

3 APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 61 OF THE IMO CONVENTION – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE ASSEMBLY ON ANY REQUESTS BY MEMBERS FOR WAIVER (agenda item 3)

3.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/3, A 30/3/Add.1 and A 30/3/Add.2, as well as that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the Application of Article 61 of the IMO Convention, and the report of the Council to the Assembly on requests by Members for waiver of Article 61.

3.2 The Assembly waived the provisions of Article 61 of the IMO Convention in respect of the Union of the Comoros, the Commonwealth of Dominica and the Federal Republic of Somalia.

3.3 The Assembly noted that:

- (i) the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic and the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal had settled their arrears up to 2016 in full. As a consequence, these Member States no longer fell under the provisions of Article 61 and their voting rights were thus restored during this Assembly; and
- (ii) the seven remaining Member States which had not sought a waiver (listed in annex 1 to document A 30/3/Add.2) had lost their right to vote during this Assembly, and the right to vote would be reinstated as soon as the Member States concerned settled their arrears.

3.4 The Assembly reiterated its firm stance on the strict enforcement of Article 61 of the IMO Convention.

3.5 The Assembly noted that all of the 46 candidates which had indicated their intention to stand for election to the Council had met the requirements of rule 56*ter*.

3.6 The Assembly noted and adopted the Council's recommendation that, where a Member State submits a request for a waiver of arrears, the Assembly should consider the matter only where a request for a waiver has also been submitted to the United Nations General Assembly and a decision has been taken by that body on that request. The Assembly may then decide on the request for such a waiver, taking into account any precedent established by the United Nations General Assembly.

Reference documents: A 30/3, A 30/3/Add.1 and A 30/3/Add.2

Audio files: Wednesday, 29 November 2017: a.m. and p.m.

4 ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY (agenda item 4)

(a) Establishment of the Credentials Committee

4.(a).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/4(a) on the establishment of the Credentials Committee.

4.(a).2 The Assembly established a Credentials Committee composed of representatives from Algeria, China, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation and Switzerland, which was chaired by Mr. Vitaly Klyuev (Russian Federation).

Reference document: A 30/4(a)

Audio file: Wednesday, 29 November 2017: a.m.

(b) Establishment of other committees

4.(b).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/4(a), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the establishment of the two main committees to assist in the work of the Assembly.

4.(b).2 The Assembly established the two committees as follows:

- (i) Committee 1 (the Administrative, Financial, Legal and Technical Cooperation Committee), which, upon the recommendation of the Heads of Delegation, would be chaired by Miss Katy Ware (United Kingdom) with Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia) and Mrs. Rosa Benigna Francisco Sobrinho (Angola) as first and second Vice-Chair, respectively; and
- (ii) Committee 2 (the Technical Committee), which, upon the recommendation of the Heads of Delegation, would be chaired by Mr. Brad Groves (Australia) with Ms. Turid Stemre (Norway) and His Excellency Capt. Ian Finley (Cook Islands) as first and second Vice-Chair, respectively.

Reference document: A 30/4(b)

Audio file: Wednesday, 29 November 2017: a.m.

5 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY (item 5)

(a) Report of the Credentials Committee

5(a).1 The Assembly approved the report of the Credentials Committee.

5(a).2 The Assembly requested the Council to review the current wording of rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly to address the matters relating to credentials raised in paragraphs 7 and 8 of document A 30/5(a), and report to the thirty-first session of the Assembly.

Reference documents: A 30/5(a) and A 30/5(a)/1

Audio files: Friday, 1 December 2017: a.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

(b) Reports of other committees

5(b).1 The Assembly noted documents A 30/5(b) and A 30/5(b)/1, containing the reports of Committees 1 and 2, respectively.

5(b).2 The Assembly adopted the requests and recommendations of Committees 1 and 2, both in the bodies of their reports and in the annexes thereto, and, in particular, adopted the resolutions listed below.

5(b).3 The Assembly noted that Committees 1 and 2 authorized the Secretariat to effect any necessary editorial corrections to the resolutions considered and their respective annexes, as appropriate.

Resolutions adopted by the Assembly upon the recommendation of Committee 1

- 1 *Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018 to 2023* (resolution A.1110(30))
- 2 *Application of the Strategic Plan of the Organization* (resolution A.1111(30))
- 3 *Results-based budget for the 2018-2019 biennium* (resolution A.1112(30))
- 4 *Revision of the Organization's Financial Regulations (effective 1 January 2018)* (resolution A.1113(30))
- 5 *Presentation of accounts and audit reports* (resolution A.1114(30))
- 6 *Arrears of contributions* (resolution A.1115(30))
- 7 *Implementation and entry into force of the 2010 Hazardous and Noxious Substances Protocol* (resolution A.1123(30))
- 8 *Delegation of authority to issue certificates of insurance or other financial security required under the 1992 Civil Liability Convention and the 2010 Hazardous and Noxious Substances Convention* (resolution A.1124(30))
- 9 *Linkages between IMO's technical assistance work and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (resolution A.1126(30))
- 10 *Guiding principles of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (resolution A.1127(30))
- 11 *Financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme* (resolution A.1128(30))

Resolutions adopted by the Assembly upon the recommendation of Committee 2

- 12 *Escape route signs and equipment location markings* (resolution A.1116(30))
- 13 *IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme* (resolution A.1117(30))
- 14 *Revised guidelines on the implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Administrations* (resolution A.1118(30))
- 15 *Procedures for port State control, 2017* (resolution A.1119(30))

- 16 *Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), 2017* (resolution A.1120(30))
- 17 *2017 Non-exhaustive list of obligations under instruments relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)* (resolution A.1121(30))
- 18 *Code for the Transport and Handling of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (OSV Chemical Code)* (resolution A.1122(30))

Reference documents: A 30/5(b) and A 30/5(b)/1

Audio file: Wednesday, 29 November 2017: a.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

6 REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE ASSEMBLY ON THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION SINCE THE TWENTY-NINTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY (agenda item 6)

6.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/6 and C/ES.29/D, and that provided orally by the Chair of the Council on the report of the Council to the Assembly on the work of the Organization since the twenty-ninth regular session of the Assembly.

6.2 The Assembly:

- (i) approved the report of the Council on the work of the Organization since its twenty-ninth regular session, submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 23 of the IMO Convention; and
- (ii) endorsed the decisions taken by the Council relating to measures to prevent acts of endangering the safety of navigation, as set out in paragraphs 15(b).2 and 15(b).3 of document C/ES.29/D.

6.3 With regard to paragraph 6.2(ii) above, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement objecting to the Council's decision, taken at C/ES.29, that missile launches by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea posed a danger to the safety of shipping. In summary:

- The Democratic People's Republic of Korea stated that its missile launches were intended to be a response and defensive measure to the United States of America's military exercises around the Korean peninsula, which the Democratic People's Republic of Korea perceived as a military and nuclear threat.
- Furthermore, in the view of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the United Nations Security Council resolutions against its missile launches, upon which the C/ES.29 decision appeared to have been based, were illegal for a number of outlined reasons, including that the United Nations Security Council was not a legislative organ capable of creating international law.
- The Democratic People's Republic of Korea suggested that the Assembly should reject the C/ES.29 decision against its missile launches, and requested that Member States' attention be drawn to the compelling need and urgency to restrain the on-going large-scale joint military drills, in order to secure the safety and efficiency of international shipping.

Reference documents: A 30/6 and C/ES.29/D

Audio file: Wednesday, 29 November 2017: a.m.

7 STRATEGY, PLANNING AND REFORM (agenda item 7)

7.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/7 and A 30/7/Corr.1, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General on strategy, planning and reform.

7.2 The Assembly referred the documents, with an amendment to the mission statement of the Strategic Plan for the Organization for the six-year period 2018 to 2023, to Committee 1 for detailed consideration and, upon the advice of that Committee, approved the Committee's recommendations on strategy, planning and reform.

Reference documents: A 30/7, A 30/7/Corr.1 and A 30/5(b)

Audio files: Wednesday, 29 November 2017: p.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

8 IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME (agenda item 8)

8.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/8 and A 30/8/1 (Tunisia), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegation of Tunisia, on the IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

8.2 The Assembly referred both documents, in light of comments made, to Committee 2 for detailed consideration and, upon the recommendation of the Committee:

- (i) invited Member States scheduled to be audited after 2018 and who were prepared to have their audits brought forward to inform the Secretary-General as soon as possible;
- (ii) encouraged Member States to provide the Secretariat with the details of an individual authorized to access Member State audit reports through the GISIS module as per Circular Letter No.3587;
- (iii) requested the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee to consider the first Consolidated Audit Summary Report (CASR) containing lessons learned from 18 mandatory audits completed in 2016 (Circular Letter No.3772) and, in due course, to advise the Council of the outcome of their consideration;
- (iv) invited those Member States whose target deadlines for the implementation of their corrective action plans had been reached to provide the Secretariat with their comments on the progress made on the implementation of their corrective action plans;
- (v) encouraged auditors to update their profiles in the E-roster and for individuals nominated for inclusion in the roster of auditors and for the Member State nominating such individuals to use the procedures set out in Circular Letter No.3547;
- (vi) noted Tunisia's intention to continue to support IMO's technical cooperation activities, in particular with regard to the IMO Member State Audit Scheme; and
- (vii) invited the Technical Cooperation Committee to consider the need to focus technical assistance towards those areas of recurrent findings from audits of Member States.

8.3 The Assembly welcomed the progress made in the implementation of the Audit Scheme over the previous two years and expressed its appreciation to those Member States that had been audited or were in the process of preparation for the audit, for their full cooperation, as well as to those Member States that had nominated auditors for inclusion in the roster of auditors maintained by the Secretariat.

Reference documents: A 30/8; A 30/8/1 and A 30/5(b)/1

Audio files: Thursday, 30 November 2017: p.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

9 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (agenda item 9)

9.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/9, A 30/9/1 and A 30/INF.8 (Ukraine), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Maritime Safety Committee, on the consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee.

9.2 The Assembly referred documents A 30/9 and A 30/9/1 on the reports of the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-sixth, ninety-seventh and ninety-eighth sessions, together with the comments made in plenary, to Committee 2 for detailed consideration and, upon the advice of that Committee, approved the reports and recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee.

9.3 The Assembly noted the information in document A 30/INF.8, submitted by Ukraine, relating to the implementation of IMO instruments in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine).

9.4 The Assembly also noted New Zealand's statement relating to the second phase of the Polar Code, as set out in annex 3 to document A 30/5(b)/1.

Reference documents: A 30/9, A 30/9/1, A 30/INF.8 and A 30/5(b)/1

Audio files: Wednesday, 29 November 2017: p.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

10 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE (agenda item 10)

10.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/10, and that provided orally by the Chair of the Legal Committee and the Secretary-General, on the consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Legal Committee.

10.2 The Assembly referred document A 30/10 on the reports of the Legal Committee on its 103rd and 104th sessions, together with the comments made in plenary, to Committee 1 for detailed consideration and, upon the advice of that Committee, approved the reports and recommendations of the Legal Committee.

Reference documents: A 30/10 and A 30/5(b)

Audio files: Thursday, 30 November 2017: a.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

11 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (agenda item 11)

11.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/11 and A 30/11/1 (Australia, France, Iceland, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Norway, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Spain, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme), and that provided orally by the Vice-Chair of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Secretary-General, on the consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Marine Environment Protection Committee.

11.2 The Assembly referred document A 30/11 on the reports of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on its sixty-ninth, seventieth and seventy-first sessions, together with the comments made in plenary, to Committee 2 for detailed consideration and, upon the advice of that Committee, approved the reports and recommendations of the Marine Environment Protection Committee.

11.3 The Assembly recognized the ongoing problem of marine plastic pollution, as addressed in MARPOL Annex V, which requires further consideration as part of a global solution within the framework of ocean governance, in pursuance of SDG 14's target to prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds by 2025. The Assembly referred document A 30/11/1, together with the comments made in plenary, to MEPC 72 and LC 40/LP13 for detailed consideration and action as deemed necessary.

11.4 In recognizing the role that the Organization has and continues to play in addressing this problem, the Assembly encouraged Member States, Parties to MARPOL Annex V and international organizations to submit concrete proposals to the competent bodies, MEPC 72 and LC 40/LP 13, taking into account those widely supported proposals in paragraphs 24 and 25 of document A 30/11/1, in accordance with the Committees' Method of Work.

Reference documents: A 30/11, A 30/11/1 and A 30/5(b)/1

Audio files: Tuesday, 28 November 2017: p.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

12 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 12)

12.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/12 and A 30/12/1 (Malaysia), and that provided orally by the Chair of the Technical Cooperation Committee, the Secretary-General and the delegation of Malaysia on the reports and recommendations of the Technical Cooperation Committee and on enhanced technical cooperation activities relating to the SDGs, respectively.

12.2 The Assembly referred documents A 30/12 and A 30/12/1, together with the comments made in plenary, to Committee 1 for detailed consideration and, upon the advice of that Committee, approved the reports and recommendations of the Technical Cooperation Committee.

Reference documents: A 30/12, A 30/12/1 and A 30/5(b)

Audio files: Thursday, 30 November 2017: p.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

13 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (agenda item 13)

13.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/13, and that provided orally by the Chair of the Facilitation Committee and the Secretary-General, on the consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Facilitation Committee.

13.2 The Assembly referred the reports of the Facilitation Committee on its fortieth and forty-first sessions, together with comments made in plenary, to Committee 2 for detailed consideration and, upon the advice of that Committee, approved the report and recommendations of the Facilitation Committee.

Reference documents: A 30/13 and A 30/5(b)/1

Audio files: Thursday, 30 November 2017: p.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

14 CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972 AND THE 1996 PROTOCOL THERETO: REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF SECRETARIAT FUNCTIONS AND OTHER DUTIES (agenda item 14)

14.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/14, and that provided orally by the Chair of the governing bodies to the London Convention 1972 and its 1996 Protocol, and the Secretary-General, on the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 and the 1996 Protocol thereto.

14.2 The Assembly referred the reports of the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties to the London Convention and the eleventh and twelfth Meetings of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol, together with comments made in plenary, to Committee 2 for consideration and, upon the advice of that Committee, noted the reports.

Reference documents: A 30/14 and A 30/5(b)/1

Audio files: Thursday, 29 November 2017: p.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

15 REPORT TO THE ASSEMBLY ON THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS IN MANDATORY IMO INSTRUMENTS (agenda item 15)

15.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/15 and A 30/15/1 (Russian Federation), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegation of the Russian Federation, in relation to the Report to the Assembly on the Periodic review of administrative requirements in mandatory IMO instruments.

15.2 The Assembly noted the report of the Council contained in the annex to document C/ES.29/10 (with the deletion of paragraph 17), including its conclusion that all IMO organs had completed their work on the analysis and consideration of recommendations to reduce administrative burdens in IMO instruments, including those identified by SG-RAR, and that the committees would continue any ongoing work related to this topic as part of their regular work programme, the outcome of which would be contained in their reports.

15.3 The Assembly agreed with the recommendation of the Council to retain the item on the Assembly's agenda.

15.4 With regard to document A 30/15/1, the Assembly requested the Russian Federation to submit a more detailed proposal and work plan to the Council, for consideration.

Reference documents: A 30/15, A 30/15/1 and C/ES.29/10

Audio file: Thursday, 30 November 2017: p.m.

16 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (agenda item 16)

(a) Report on arrears of contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund (agenda item 16(a))

16(a).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/16(a) and its addenda, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the report on arrears of contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund.

16(a).2 The Assembly referred document A 30/16(a) and its addenda, together with comments made in plenary, to Committee 1 for detailed consideration, and thereafter approved that Committee's recommendations regarding arrears of contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund.

Reference documents: A 30/16(a), A 30/16(a)/Add.1, A 30/16(a)/Add.2 and A 30/5(b)

Audio files: Monday, 4 December 2017: a.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

(b) Presentation of accounts and audit reports (agenda item 16(b))

16(b).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/16(b) and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the Presentation of accounts and audit reports.

16(b).2 The Assembly referred document A 30/16(b), together with comments made in plenary, to Committee 1 for detailed consideration and, upon the recommendation of that Committee, approved the audited financial statements for the financial years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2016, together with the External Auditor's reports thereon.

Reference document: A 30/16(b) and A 30/5(b)

Audio files: Monday, 4 December 2017: a.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

(c) Results-based budget for the 2018-2019 biennium (agenda item 16 (c))

16(c).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/16(c) and A 30/16(c)/Add.1, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the Results-based budget for the 2018-2019 biennium.

16(c).2 The Assembly referred document A 30/16(c) and its addendum, together with comments made in plenary, to Committee 1 for detailed consideration and, upon the recommendation of that Committee, approved the proposed Results-based Budget for the 2018-2019 biennium, and the amendments to the Organization's Financial Regulations.

Reference documents: A 30/16(c), A 30/16(c)/Add.1 and A 30/5(b)

Audio files: Monday, 4 December 2017: a.m.
Wednesday, 6 December 2017: p.m.

17 GLOBAL MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (agenda item 17)

Visas for World Maritime University (WMU) and International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) students visiting IMO Headquarters (agenda item 17)

17.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/17 and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the issuance of no-fee visas to World Maritime University (WMU) and International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) students visiting IMO Headquarters.

17.2 The Assembly adopted the resolution on the *World Maritime University and International Maritime Law Institute students visiting IMO Headquarters*, as set out in the annex to document A 30/17, which formalized the invitation of WMU and IMLI students to IMO Headquarters, and instructed the Secretariat to make any editorial corrections, as necessary.

Resolution adopted:

World Maritime University and International Maritime Law Institute students visiting IMO Headquarters (resolution A.1129(30))

Reference document: A 30/17

Audio file: Monday, 4 December 2017: a.m.

(a) Report on the World Maritime University (agenda item 17(a))

Report on the World Maritime University

17(a).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/17(a) and that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the President of the World Maritime University (WMU), on the annual report of the Board of WMU for the calendar years 2016 and 2017, as well as the decisions taken by the Board during its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions.

17(a).2 The Assembly urged Member States and Associate Members to take action to enable recognition, under their national legislation, of the degrees conferred by the University and, to that end, keep the Organization informed of any developments.

17(a).3 The Assembly strongly urged Member States and shipping industry stakeholders to contact WMU to establish what they could offer, including fellowships for students from developing countries and with respect to the equipment needs for the academic facilities of the University.

17(a).4 The Assembly expressed its appreciation to the Government of Sweden, and to all other donor Governments and organizations, for their continued support of the University and, in particular, to the City of Malmö for hosting the University and for providing the new academic premises of the University.

17(a).5 The Assembly further expressed its appreciation to those donors who had contributed to the WMU Endowment Fund and urged Governments, organizations and the maritime industry to provide financial contributions to the Fund.

Proposed amendments to the Charter of the World Maritime University

17(a).6 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/17(a)/1 and that provided orally by the Secretary-General on proposed amendments to the Charter of the World Maritime University.

17(a).7 The Assembly adopted, pursuant to the provisions of Article 44(a) of the Charter of the World Maritime University, the resolution on the *Charter of the World Maritime University*, containing amendments to the University's Charter, as set out in the annex to document A 30/17(a)/1, and decided that those amendments would enter into force on 1 January 2018.

17(a).8 The Secretary-General, in his capacity as WMU Chancellor and also as Secretary-General, expressed his appreciation to the University's President, its Vice-Presidents and the WMU academic and administrative staff for their work, commitment and dedication, as well as the Members of the WMU Board of Governors and the Chairman and Members of the WMU Executive Board for their continuing constructive support to the University.

Resolution adopted:

Charter of the World Maritime University (resolution A.1130(30))

Reference documents: A 30/17(a) and A 30/17(a)/1

Audio file: Monday, 4 December 2017: a.m.

(b) Report on the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (agenda item 17(b))

17(b).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/17(b) and that provided orally by the Director of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), and by the Secretary-General, regarding the report on IMLI.

17(b).2 The Assembly expressed its appreciation to the Government of Malta, and to all other donors to the IMLI budget and providers of scholarships.

17(b).3 The Assembly urged all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and industry to continue to support the Institute either by direct contributions to its operating budget, scholarship financing or through any other assistance pursuant to resolution A.934(22).

17(b).4 The Assembly urged Member States to take action so as to recognize, under their national laws, the degrees conferred by the Institute and to inform the Organization of such action.

Reference document: A 30/17(b)

Audio file: Monday, 4 December 2017: a.m.

18 EXTERNAL RELATIONS (agenda item 18)

(a) Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies (agenda item 18(a))

18(a).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/18(a) and A 30/18(a)/1, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

18(a).2 The Assembly noted the report of the Secretary-General on relevant cooperative activities with the United Nations and the organizations and bodies within the United Nations system, in particular the Organization's representation at various meetings of United Nations entities and the efforts made by the Secretary-General and the Secretariat to promote the interests of IMO in the relevant areas.

18(a).3 The Assembly also noted the reports on the activities and achievements of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP), and expressed its appreciation for the scientific advice, with respect to the protection of the marine environment, provided by GESAMP in support of the Organization's objectives.

Reference documents: A 30/18(a) and A 30/18(a)/1

Audio file: Wednesday, 6 December 2017: a.m.

(b) Joint Inspection Unit (agenda item 18(b))

18(b).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/18(b), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the Joint Inspection Unit.

18(b).2 The Assembly took note in particular of the consideration by the Council of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit referred to in document A30/18(b), and the information provided on the action taken on these reports and additional remarks provided by the Secretary-General.

Reference document: A 30/18(b)

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(c) Relations with intergovernmental organizations (agenda item 18(c))

No document or new information was reported under this agenda item.

(d) Relations with non-governmental organizations (agenda item 18(d))

18(d).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/18(d) and A 30/18(d)/1, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on relations with non-governmental organizations.

18(d).2 The Assembly endorsed the decisions of the Council concerning applications for consultative status with the Organization. Accordingly, the Assembly:

- (i) agreed not to proceed with the applications from the Society for Gas as a Marine Fuel (SGMF), the International Sailing Schools Association (ISSA), the International Cruise Victims Association (ICV), the Methanol Institute (MI), the Union of African Shippers' Councils (UASC), the International Ship Engineering Service Association Ltd. (ISES), the Project Developer Forum (PD-Forum), the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) and Stop Illegal Fishing (SIF);

- (ii) noted the decision of the Council to request the International Association of Technical Survey and Classification Institutions (TSCI) to submit further information for consideration at its 120th session; and
- (iii) approved the granting of consultative status to the Active Shipbuilding Experts' Federation (ASEF) and The Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew).

18(d).3 The Assembly endorsed the decisions of the Council to maintain the consultative status of the organizations listed in document C 118/17(d)/1.

18(d).4 The delegations of the Bahamas and the United Kingdom, expressed their concern with Greenpeace International's recent protest activities involving a Bahamas flagged ship in United Kingdom waters which, in their view, endangered the safety of navigation and maritime security. The Assembly requested the Secretariat to write to Greenpeace International to remind it of its obligations in respect of these matters.

18(d).5 The Assembly adopted the resolution on *Relations with non-governmental organizations*, set out in the annex to document A 30/18(d)/1, with an update on the name of IPIECA, which was changed from "International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA)" to "IPIECA Limited (IPIECA)".

Resolution adopted:

Relations with non-governmental organizations (resolution 1125(30))

Reference documents: A 30/18(d) and A 30/18(d)/1

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(e) Report on World Maritime Days, 2016 and 2017 (agenda item 18(e))

18(e).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/18(e) and A 30/18(e)/1 (Panama), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegation of Panama, on the celebration of World Maritime Day in 2016 and 2017.

18(e).2 The Assembly noted, with satisfaction, that World Maritime Day had been successfully celebrated at IMO Headquarters during the biennium and welcomed the information on Member States' national celebrations. The Assembly expressed its appreciation to the Secretary-General and the Secretariat for the efficient arrangements made to ensure the successful celebration of IMO's annual Day.

18(e).3 The Assembly also expressed its appreciation to all Governments and organizations which contributed, in many ways, to the celebration of this annual event, including their continuing efforts to publicize and promote the event thus making it more widely known.

18(e).4 The Assembly in particular expressed its appreciation to the Governments of the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Panama for successfully hosting the World Maritime Day parallel events in 2016 and 2017.

18(e).5 With regard to the forthcoming World Maritime Day parallel events, the Assembly, once again, expressed its appreciation to the Governments of Poland, Colombia, South Africa and the Islamic Republic of Iran for their invitations, and noted that the next consideration of offers to host the parallel event would be in 2018 for 2022.

18(e).6 The Assembly noted, with appreciation, document A 30/18(e)/1, submitted by Panama, including a report on a high-level round-table discussion held within the framework of the IMO World Maritime Day parallel event in Panama City, Panama, on 2 October 2017. In this regard, the Secretary-General expressed his wish for other high-level round-table discussions to be initiated at future parallel events so as to promote more awareness and cooperation within the scope of the IMO mandate.

18(e).7 The Assembly noted and endorsed the theme for World Maritime Day 2018, as determined by the Council at its 117th session, namely, "IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future", and requested that the Secretary-General emphasize the concept of "sustainable shipping" when promoting the theme. The Assembly also noted that the objective of sustainable shipping would underpin all activities throughout 2018 and beyond.

Reference documents: A 30/18(e) and A 30/18(e)/1

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(f) International Maritime Prize (agenda item 18(f))

18(f).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/18(f), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the International Maritime Prize.

18(f).2 The Assembly noted, with appreciation, the report of the Secretary-General on the action taken by the Council and the Secretariat with regard to the award of the International Maritime Prize for 2015 and 2016.

18(f).3 The Assembly extended its congratulations to Dr. Frank Lawrence Wiswall Junior of the Comité Maritime International, the recipient of the 2015 Prize; and to Mr. Koji Sekimizu of Japan, the recipient of the 2016 Prize. The Assembly also expressed its appreciation to the Government of Japan and the Comité Maritime International for having nominated such worthy candidates. The Assembly further noted the arrangements made in connection with the award of the Prize for 2017.

Reference document: A 30/18(f)

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(g) IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea (agenda item 18(g))

18(g).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/18(g), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

18(g).2 The Assembly noted, in particular, the information provided by the Secretary-General on the 2016 and 2017 IMO Awards for Exceptional Bravery at Sea and congratulated Captain Radhika Menon (nominated by the Government of India), the recipient of the 2016 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea; and also congratulated Captain Michael G. McGee and Captain Michael C. Phillips (nominated by the International Maritime Pilots' Association), the recipients of the 2017 Award. The Assembly expressed its appreciation to all other recipients of awards within the scheme, as well as to those Governments and international organizations which nominated such worthy candidates for the Awards in 2016 and 2017.

18(g).3 The Assembly commended the Secretary-General for the successful organization of both Award ceremonies, the first of which took place in 2016, during the ninety-seventh session of the Maritime Safety Committee, and the second, at the end of the first day of the thirtieth session of the Assembly.

18(g).4 The Assembly expressed its hope that the current situation of mixed migration by sea and significant loss of life would soon be brought under control, and recognized and praised all those seafarers supported by their shipping companies, who, out of humanitarian concern, continued to make heroic efforts to rescue thousands of persons in distress at sea.

18(g).5 The Assembly endorsed the arrangements outlined by the Secretary-General for the 2018 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

Reference document: A 30/18(g)

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(h) Day of the Seafarer (agenda item 18(h))

18(h).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/18(h), A 30/18(h)/1 (Malaysia) and A 30/18(h)/2 (Argentina), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegations of Malaysia and Argentina, on the Day of the Seafarer.

18(h).2 The Assembly expressed its appreciation to all those who had worked to organize the celebrations for the Day of the Seafarer and made it a success.

Reference documents: A 30/18(h), A 30/18(h)/1 and A 30/18(h)/2

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(i) IMO Maritime Ambassador Scheme (agenda item 18(i))

18(i).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/18(i) and A 30/18(i)/1 (Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran and Malaysia), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegation of Malaysia, on the IMO Maritime Ambassador Scheme.

18(i).2 The Assembly noted in particular document 30/18(i)/1 outlining the activities of the IMO Maritime Ambassadors and requesting a proposal for the development of a framework for the IMO Maritime Ambassador Scheme and the establishment of an appropriate resource mechanism, following the request from C/ES.29 to the Secretary-General to conduct a programme evaluation and comparison analysis with similar schemes within the United Nations system and submit a report to C 120.

18(i).3 The Assembly expressed its appreciation to all those who had appointed IMO Maritime Ambassadors and encouraged Member States that had not yet done so to appoint an IMO Maritime Ambassador.

Reference document: A 30/18(i)

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(j) Focal Points (agenda item 18(j))

18(j).1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/18(j), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on Focal Points.

18(j).2 The Assembly welcomed the efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure that the contact information for Member State representation at the Organization was current and accurate, and expressed its willingness to join the Secretary-General in his efforts to encourage all delegations to revise the list of Focal Points and to notify the Secretariat in writing of any changes.

Reference document: A 30/18(j)

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19 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION (agenda item 19)

19.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/19 and A 30/19/1 (International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the Director-General of IMSO, on the status of the Convention and membership of IMO and IMSO, respectively.

19.2 The Assembly encouraged, endorsed and supported the Secretary-General in his efforts to make IMO and its work more widely known and to ensure that it maintained its deserved position in the global maritime community. The Assembly also encouraged the Secretary-General to continue to assist all Member States, in particular developing countries, in participating fully and effectively in the work of the Organization. The Assembly extended a very warm welcome to the Republic of Belarus, the newest member of IMO.

19.3 The Assembly noted the current membership of IMSO and encouraged IMO Member States that are not yet Member States of IMSO to give consideration to joining that organization.

Reference documents: A 30/19 and A 30/19/1

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20 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS (agenda item 20)

20.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/20, A 30/20/Add.1 and A 30/INF.7 (International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and Comité Maritime International (CMI)), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs functions.

20.2 The Assembly endorsed and supported the Secretary-General's continuing efforts to encourage Governments to consider accepting those instruments to which they were not yet parties.

20.3 The Assembly reiterated its plea to Member Governments to ratify the 2009 Hong Kong Ship Recycling Convention, the 2010 HNS Protocol, and the 2012 Cape Town Agreement, to enable their entry into force as soon as possible.

20.4 The Assembly welcomed the entry into force of the 2004 Ballast Water Management Convention, on 8 September 2017, and in this regard, endorsed the Secretary-General's request for further ratifications so as to achieve widespread effective implementation and enforcement.

20.5 With regard to document A 30/INF.7, the Assembly noted the information regarding the campaign by ICS and CMI campaign to promote the ratification of a number of international maritime conventions, so as to achieve global standards enforced worldwide on a uniform basis. The Assembly expressed its appreciation to ICS and CMI for the information provided.

Reference documents: A 30/20, A 30/20.Add.1 and A 30/INF.7

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21 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLES 16 AND 17 OF THE IMO CONVENTION (agenda item 21)

21.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in documents A 30/21, A 30/21/1, A 30/21/1/Add.1, A 30/21/2 (Ukraine) and A 30/21/3 (Guatemala), and that provided orally by the Secretary-General and the delegations of Ukraine and Guatemala, on the election of the Members of the Council, as provided for in Articles 16 and 17 of the IMO Convention.

21.2 With regard to document A 30/21/3, the Assembly agreed with the proposals by Guatemala and, in accordance with rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, decided to:

- (i) at all times, conduct the elections of the Members of the Council by secret ballot, even where the number of candidates seeking election was equivalent to the number of available seats; and
- (ii) discontinue the practice of electing Members of the Council by acclamation.

21.3 The Assembly noted the comments received from Member States on possible changes to the relevant rules of the Organization in relation to the work of the Council, and decided that detailed proposals on such changes be submitted for consideration at C 120.

21.4 In accordance with Articles 16 and 17 of the IMO Convention, the Assembly elected Members of the Council as follows:

Under Article 17(a)	China, Greece, Italy, Japan, Norway, Panama, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States of America
Under Article 17(b)	Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates
Under Article 17(c)	The Bahamas, Belgium, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand and Turkey

Reference documents: A 30/21, A 30/21/1, A 30/21/1/Add.1, A 30/21/2 and A 30/21/3

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**22 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE IMO STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE
(agenda item 22)**

22.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/22, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the election of Members of the IMO Staff Pension Committee.

22.2 The Assembly elected, by acclamation, Ms. Azara Prempeh (Ghana) as the Member, and Mr. Heinz Decker (Germany) as the Alternate Member, to serve on the IMO Staff Pension Committee for the 2018-2019 biennium, in accordance with Article 6 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

Reference document: A 30/22

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**23 DATE AND PLACE OF THE THIRTY-FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
ASSEMBLY (agenda item 23)**

23.1 The Assembly noted the information set out in document A 30/23, and that provided orally by the Secretary-General, on the date, place and duration of the thirty-first regular session of the Assembly.

23.2 The Assembly decided to schedule its thirty-first regular session in the autumn of 2019 at the IMO Headquarters in London, the precise date, duration and number of plenary sessions to be determined by the Council at a later stage.

Reference document: A 30/23

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