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**WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY AND INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE  
STUDENTS VISITING IMO HEADQUARTERS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Articles 2(e), 11 and 15(k) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Organization and the Assembly regarding subsidiary organs and the facilitation and promotion of technical cooperation,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.501(XII) establishing the IMO World Maritime University (WMU), and the Statute of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) approved by the Council, establishing IMLI as an instrument of IMO, as reflected in resolution A.934(22),

RECALLING FURTHER that WMU and IMLI were established as international centres of excellence for advanced maritime education and for the training of specialists in maritime law and policy,

RECOGNIZING that the WMU and IMLI programmes have been a great success, providing the global maritime sector at both national and international levels with highly qualified candidates for employment at senior positions within many institutions,

NOTING that the curricula for both WMU and IMLI provide for a student visit to the IMO Headquarters to increase awareness and understanding of the functions and importance of IMO and to provide academic value,

NOTING ALSO that WMU and IMLI students visiting IMO Headquarters in London currently pay a visa application fee to allow for their entry into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in order to conduct such visits,

RECALLING that article 7.2(h) of the Agreement between the International Maritime Organization and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the Headquarters of the Organization (the "Headquarters Agreement") authorizes the entry into the United Kingdom without delay and without charge for visas of persons invited to IMO Headquarters at the direction of the Assembly or the Council,

APPRECIATIVE of the efforts made by the host country to facilitate the entry of WMU and IMLI students into the United Kingdom in furtherance of their studies,

HAVING considered the decision by the Council at its 118th session to extend an invitation to students of WMU and IMLI to visit IMO Headquarters during the period of their studies at both institutions,

1 DETERMINES that, as part of the WMU and IMLI curricula, visits by the students to IMO Headquarters are in the best interest of the Organization and its educational institutions;

2 INVITES all WMU and IMLI students, who, at the discretion of the President, WMU, or the Director, IMLI, would academically benefit from observing the functions of the Organization to visit the Headquarters of the Organization;

3 REQUESTS the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to issue no-fee visas to students invited to IMO Headquarters pursuant to article 7.2(h) of the Headquarters Agreement;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General to remain seized of the issue and report on any advancements and developments as well as issues of mutual concern relating to the implementation of the present resolution.

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