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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,

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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.
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