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**CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND
RELATED MATTERS**

Draft Conference resolution on the Day of the Seafarer

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the Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany,
Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Liberia,
the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, the Marshall Islands,
Mexico, Nigeria, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, Spain,
the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates,
the United Kingdom, Vanuatu, the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS),
the International Shipping Federation (ISF), the International Federation of
Shipmasters' Associations (IFSMA) and the International
Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)**

1 At its June 2009 session the IMO Council established 2010 as the Year of the Seafarer to give the Organization and the maritime community the opportunity to pay tribute to seafarers from all over the world for their unique contribution to society and in recognition of the risks they shoulder in the execution of their daily tasks and duties in an often hostile environment.

2 Of course such a celebration should not be limited to 2010 and, one day a year, should be reserved to provide the maritime community at large an opportunity to pay tribute to seafarers. This therefore calls for the establishment of an annual Day of the Seafarer.

3 2010 has made the twenty-fifth day of June a significant day in that it marks the adoption of the important amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 and to the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code, as amended.

4 It is befitting therefore to nominate the 25 June of each year as the **Day of the Seafarer**.

5 It also follows to urge Governments and the maritime industry to promote such day and to request the Secretary-General to bring this to the attention of the IMO Assembly and seek its endorsement of the adopted resolution.

Action requested of the Conference

6 The Conference is invited to consider the proposal above and the attached draft resolution with a view to its adoption.

ANNEX

DRAFT CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DAY OF THE SEAFARER

THE 2010 MANILA CONFERENCE,

HAVING ADOPTED amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 and to the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code, as amended,

RECOGNIZING FULLY the unique contribution seafarers from all over the world make to international seaborne trade, the world economy and civil society as a whole,

RECOGNIZING EQUALLY the enormous risks seafarers shoulder in the execution of their daily tasks and duties in an often hostile environment,

MINDFUL of the deprivations to which seafarers are subject through spending long periods of their professional life at sea away from their families and friends,

DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE that, in recognition of the above, the International Maritime Organization has named 2010 as the "Year of the Seafarer" in order for it and the maritime community as a whole to pay due tribute to seafarers in recognition of the above,

DESIRING to ensure the continued expression of this deep appreciation and gratitude to seafarers from all over the world for the reasons explained above on an annual basis,

RECOGNIZING that the adoption of the aforementioned amendments to the STCW Convention and Code on this, the 25th June 2010, makes this a very significant day for the maritime community and those who serve it on board ships,

1. RESOLVES to nominate the 25th June of each year hereafter as the **"Day of the Seafarer"**;
2. ENCOURAGES Governments, shipping organizations, companies, shipowners and all other parties concerned to duly and appropriately promote the Day of the Seafarer and take action to celebrate it meaningfully;
3. INVITES the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization to bring this resolution to the attention of the IMO Assembly for endorsement and for any other appropriate action it may deem necessary to promote the letter and spirit of the Day.