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**APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICES TO THE ORGANIZATION
OF MR. W.A. O'NEIL**

Note by the Chairman of the Council

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document invites Council's endorsement of a draft Assembly resolution recording the Organization's appreciation of the services of Mr. W.A. O'Neil.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related documents: None

1 The Council will wish to ensure that the outstanding contribution to IMO's work made by Mr. William O'Neil, whose distinguished term of office will conclude at the end of 2003, is recognized fully and appropriately.

2 The Chairman therefore proposes, for the consideration of the Council, the adoption of the attached text of a draft resolution, which would be submitted to the twenty-third regular session of the Assembly, recording the Organization's appreciation of the services of Mr. O'Neil.

Action requested of the Council

3 The Council is invited to consider the draft resolution attached, for submission to the twenty-third regular session of the Assembly, and to comment or decide as appropriate.

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Draft Assembly ResolutionAPPRECIATION OF THE SERVICES TO THE ORGANIZATION
OF MR. WILLIAM A. O'NEIL

THE ASSEMBLY,

WISHING TO RECORD WITH DEEP APPRECIATION the outstanding contribution made by William A. O'Neil to the purposes and functions of the Organization during the fourteen-year period of his stewardship from 1 January 1990,

RECOGNIZING WITH GRATITUDE his commitment to the ideals and mission of the Organization for improving the safety of life at sea, protection of the marine environment, and enhancement of maritime security and to fostering and promoting global acceptance and effective implementation of IMO's safety, security and environmental treaty instruments,

DEEPLY APPRECIATING his leadership, his counsel, his clarity of vision and purpose, as well as his strong and effective advocacy of the adoption of an effective global maritime safety culture,

RECOGNIZING that during his tenure there has been a material and sustained reduction in both the loss of life at sea and marine pollution from ships,

FURTHER APPRECIATING his personal contribution to securing globally applicable safety, security and environmental standards and to the resultant high regard and respect in which IMO is held, as evidenced by:

- (i) his firm commitment to the universality of IMO and to widening the Membership of the Organization, which now stands at 162 Member States and three Associate Members;
- (ii) his strong encouragement of the effective participation in the Organization's work by all sectors of the industry, which has resulted in fostering new partnerships;
- (iii) his development of new sources of extra-budgetary funding to support the Organization's technical co-operation programme, which has better enabled developing States to adopt and implement the Organization's instruments;
- (iv) his dedication to strengthening the relevance and capacity of the Organization's educational institutions, which have become firmly established global providers of maritime training and education;
- (v) his landmark success in creating a Seafarers Memorial Fund, which won the warm and generous support of the maritime sector and of seafarers in particular, enabling the creation of a distinguished public Monument to Seafarers at IMO Headquarters,

RECALLING:

- (i) his most effective handling of the financial crisis which faced the Organization in the late 1980's and early 1990's;
- (ii) his commitment to improving the Organization's financial framework and to the achievement of contribution levels of 98%, which rank the Organization as amongst the best in the United Nations system in terms of contributions; and
- (iii) his prudent management of the Organization's resources and consistent delivery of the Organization's work programme and budget, and his commitment to increased transparency, innovation, and management of change,

EXPRESSES its deep gratitude and appreciation to Mr. William A. O'Neil for his personal commitment and contribution to successfully furthering the overall purposes of the Organization by charting an inspirational course, and for achievements which have resulted in increased worldwide recognition of IMO's organizational effectiveness.
