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**RECOMMENDATION ON THE USE OF ADEQUATELY QUALIFIED DEEP-SEA PILOTS IN
THE NORTH SEA, ENGLISH CHANNEL AND SKAGERRAK**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety and the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECOGNIZING that navigational safety plays an important part in reducing the risk of incidents at sea likely to cause loss of life, personal injury, marine pollution or damage to property,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that, in appropriate circumstances, competent deep-sea pilots can make an effective contribution to the safety of navigation in confined and busy waters such as the North Sea, the English Channel and Skagerrak,

NOTING the Rules and Regulations for the Good Government of Deep-Sea Pilotage in the North Sea, English Channel and Skagerrak drawn up by the North Sea Pilotage Commission in 1976,

CONSIDERING that the contents of resolution A.486(XII), adopted on 19 November 1981, on this subject is now in need of revision to reflect the changes and developments that have taken place since its adoption,

HAVING REGARD to the Directive EC/79/115 adopted by the Council of the European Communities on 21 December 1978 concerning pilotage of vessels by deep-sea pilots in the North Sea and English Channel,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation at its fifty-ninth session, based on the authorization by the Maritime Safety Committee at its ninetieth session,

1 RECOMMENDS Member Governments to take all necessary and appropriate measures to encourage the Masters and owners of ships entitled to fly the flag of their State transiting the North Sea, English Channel and Skagerrak, when choosing to avail themselves of a deep-sea pilot, to make use only of the services of adequately qualified and licensed deep-sea pilots;

2 INVITES the Governments of the coastal States of the North Sea, English Channel and Skagerrak:

- .1 to provide information on how to obtain the services of adequately qualified and licensed deep-sea pilots;
- .2 to take all necessary and appropriate measures to ensure that only adequately qualified and licensed pilots are available through the Pilotage Services;
- .3 to take all necessary and appropriate measures to ensure that all adequately qualified deep-sea pilots are in possession of a deep-sea pilot's identity card, in the form shown in the annex to the present resolution and issued by a competent pilotage authority;

3 REVOKES resolution A.486(XII).

Annex

**EXAMPLE OF THE DEEP-SEA PILOT'S IDENTITY CARD FOR THE NORTH SEA,
ENGLISH CHANNEL AND SKAGERRAK**

(Front of the card)

(Flag picture of issuing country)	
Deep-Sea Pilot Identity card Licence No.....	
Place and date of issue: Expiry date: Issuing Authority: (Signature of the issuing official)	Seal/Stamp

(Back of the card)

Mr/Mrs..... (Forename and surname) Date of birth: Is licensed to act as a Deep-Sea Pilot in the following areas: Limitations (if any): All Authorities involved are requested to render the holder aid in the pursuance of pilot duties. Signature of the Pilot	PHOTOGRAPH
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The North Sea, English Channel and Skagerrak deep-sea pilot's identity card should include:

- .1 the holder's name and date of birth;
- .2 the holder's signature;
- .3 a photo of the holder;
- .4 area and limitations;
- .5 the licence number;
- .6 issue and expiry dates;
- .7 name, signature, seal/stamp of the issuing authority; and
- .8 the flag picture of the issuing State.

The identity card should be in the following format:

- .1 the text of the identity card should be in English plus a national language;
 - .2 the colour should be white with black printing; and
 - .3 the size of the card should be 10 cm by 7 cm.
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