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**RESOLUTION MEPC.267(68)
(adopted on 15 May 2015)**

AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND DESIGNATION OF PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREAS (RESOLUTION A.982(24))

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (the Committee) conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING ALSO that, at its twenty-fourth session, the Assembly adopted, by resolution A.982(24), the *Revised guidelines for the Identification and Designation of Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas* (hereinafter referred to as the PSSA Guidelines),

NOTING that the Assembly requested the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Maritime Safety Committee to keep the PSSA Guidelines under review,

NOTING ALSO that, at its twenty-eighth session, the Assembly, by resolution A.1087(28), adopted the *2013 Guidelines for the Designation of Special Areas under MARPOL*, following amendments to MARPOL Annex IV that include the possibility of establishing "Special Areas" for the prevention of pollution from passenger ships,

RECOGNIZING the need to effect, as a result of the adoption of the *2013 Guidelines for the Designation of Special Areas under MARPOL*, consequential amendments to the PSSA Guidelines,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its sixty-eighth session, proposed amendments to the PSSA Guidelines,

1 ADOPTS the *Amendments to the Revised guidelines for the Identification and Designation of Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas*, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 INVITES Administrations to take the annexed amendments into account when applying the PSSA Guidelines.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND
DESIGNATION OF PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREAS**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1 The third sentence of paragraph 1.1 is replaced with the following:

"In a continuing effort to provide a clearer understanding of the concepts set forth in the guidelines, the Assembly adopted resolutions A.885(21), A.927(22) and A.982(24)."

6 ASSOCIATED PROTECTIVE MEASURES

- 2 Paragraph 6.1.1 is replaced with the following:

"designation of an area as a Special Area under MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV or V, or an emission control area under MARPOL Annex VI, or application of special discharge restrictions to vessels operating in a PSSA. Procedures and criteria for the designation of Special Areas are contained in the *2013 Guidelines for the Designation of Special Areas under MARPOL*, set forth in the annex to resolution A.1087(28). Criteria and procedures for the designation of emission control areas are contained in Appendix 3 to MARPOL Annex VI;"
