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**RESOLUTION MEPC.306(73)
(adopted on 26 October 2018)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES FOR BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT OF BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS (G4)
(RESOLUTION MEPC.127(53))**

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 conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING ALSO that the International Conference on Ballast Water Management for Ships held in February 2004 adopted the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (the Ballast Water Management Convention) together with four Conference resolutions,

NOTING that regulation A-2 of the Ballast Water Management Convention requires that discharge of ballast water shall only be conducted through ballast water management in accordance with the provisions of the Annex to the Convention,

NOTING FURTHER that regulation B-1 of the Annex to the Ballast Water Management Convention provides that each ship shall have on board and implement a ballast water management plan approved by the Administration, taking into account Guidelines developed by the Organization,

NOTING FURTHER that, at its fifty-third session, the Committee adopted, by resolution MEPC.127(53), the *Guidelines for ballast water management and development of ballast water management plans* (G4),

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its seventy-third session, proposed amendments to the Guidelines (G4),

- 1 ADOPTS amendments to the *Guidelines for ballast water management and development of ballast water management plans*, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;
- 2 INVITES Governments to apply the Guidelines, as amended, as soon as possible;
- 3 AGREES to keep the Guidelines, as amended, under review.

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1 Paragraph 4.3 is added in part B:

"4.3 The ballast water management plan may include contingency measures developed taking into account guidelines developed by the Organization*."

* Refer to the *Guidance on contingency measures under the BWM Convention* (BWM.2/Circ.62, as may be amended).