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*First meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee established by the Governing Body  
in accordance with Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006)*

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**Resolution on the transitional measures relating to the entry into force  
of the amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006,  
concerning financial security requirements in respect of  
abandonment of seafarers and for shipowners' liability**

The Special Tripartite Committee established by the Governing Body  
under Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006,

Having met in Geneva from 7 to 11 April 2014,

Having considered and adopted amendments to the Code of the Maritime  
Labour Convention, 2006,

Recognizing that these amendments are to be submitted to the  
International Labour Conference for approval in accordance with Article XV of  
the Convention,

Noting that the amendments establish measures to ensure the provision of  
an expeditious and effective financial security system to assist seafarers in the  
event of their abandonment and that financial security is provided for seafarers'  
claims for compensation in the event of death or long-term disability due to an  
occupational injury, illness or hazard,

Noting also that the amendments will require important additions to the  
existing documents provided for under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006,  
particularly Parts I and II of the declaration of maritime labour compliance,

Stressing that the amendments are not intended to affect the validity of  
maritime labour certificates or declarations of maritime labour compliance  
already issued at the time when the amendments enter into force;

1. Requests Members to recognize the need for a transitional period to  
issue or renew maritime labour certificates and the related declarations of  
maritime labour compliance in accordance with the requirements of the  
Convention as amended;

2. Further requests Members to acknowledge that entry into force of the  
amendments should not in any way serve to invalidate the maritime labour  
certificates or declarations of maritime labour compliance that have been duly  
issued previously in accordance with the Convention and which are still in  
effect;

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3. Urges Members to ensure that the maritime labour certificates and the declarations of maritime labour compliance are issued or renewed so as to comply with the requirements of the Convention as amended, on ships that fly their flag, no later than the date of the first renewal inspection following entry into force of the amendments;

4. Draws the attention of Members to the fact that the above transitional measures relate only to the maritime labour certificates and the declarations of maritime labour compliance and are not in any way intended to affect the rights and obligations of Members, seafarers or shipowners, including the obligation to ensure that all ships are covered by financial security in accordance with the Convention as amended, from the date when the amendments enter into force;

5. Requests Members, including in the exercise of port State control, to recognize maritime labour certificates and declarations of maritime labour compliance as remaining valid in accordance with the Convention, until the first renewal inspection following entry into force of the amendments.

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