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of 19 May 2020

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee during its 75th session and within the International Maritime Organization's Maritime Safety Committee during its 102nd session as regards the adoption of amendments to regulations 2, 14 and 18 and appendices I and VI of Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, Parts A-1, B, B-1, B-2 to B-4 of Chapter II-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, Parts A-1 and B-1 of the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-flashpoint Fuels and resolution A.658(16) on the use and fitting of retro-reflective materials on life-saving appliances, and the approval of an MSC-MEPC.5 circular on a Model agreement for the authorization of recognized organizations acting on behalf of the Administration ◀

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*Article 1*

The position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee during its 75th session shall be to support the adoption of the amendments to regulations 2, 14 and 18 and appendices I and VI of Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, as laid down in the Annex to IMO document MEPC 75/3, and the approval of the MSC-MEPC.5 circular, as laid down in Annex 8 to IMO document III 6/15. That position covers the amendments and the circular concerned to the extent that those amendments and that circular fall under the exclusive competence of the Union and may affect Union common rules.

*Article 2*

1. The position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the International Maritime Organization's Maritime Safety Committee during its 102nd session shall be to approve the MSC-MEPC.5 circular, as laid down in Annex 8 to IMO document III 6/15, and to support the adoption of the amendments to:

- (a) Parts A-1, B, B-1, B-2 to B-4 of Chapter II-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, as laid down in Annex 1 to IMO document MSC 102/3;
- (b) Parts A-1 and B-1 of the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-flashpoint Fuels, as laid down in Annex 2 to IMO document MSC 102/3;
- (c) resolution A.658(16) on the use and fitting of retro-reflective materials on life-saving appliances.

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2. The position referred to in paragraph 1 covers the circular and the amendments concerned to the extent that that circular and those amendments fall under the exclusive competence of the Union and may affect Union common rules.

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*Article 3*

1. The positions to be taken on behalf of the Union as set out in Articles 1 and 2 shall be expressed by the Member States, which are all members of the IMO, acting jointly in the interests of the Union.

2. Minor changes to the positions referred to in Articles 1 and 2 may be agreed upon without further decision of the Council.

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*Article 4*

Member States are hereby authorised to give their consent to be bound, in the interests of the Union, by the amendments and the circular referred to in Articles 1 and 2, to the extent that those amendments and that circular fall under the exclusive competence of the Union.

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*Article 5*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.