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

1. At its forty-second session the Maritime Safety Committee approved a draft Assembly resolution on deep-sea pilotage in the North Sea, English Channel and Skagerrak, inviting Member Governments to take all necessary measures to encourage ships flying their flags to use the services of adequately qualified deep-sea pilots who are in possession of an identity card issued by a competent authority of the Governments of Belgium, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

2. The draft Assembly resolution (MSC XLII/21, Annex 30) will be submitted to the twelfth Assembly for adoption. At the request of the Committee the text, attached hereto, is brought to the attention of Member Governments.
DRAFT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

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

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 16(i) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

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, 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,

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

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-second session,

1. RECOMMENDS Member Governments to take all necessary and appropriate measures to encourage ships flying their national flag and requiring the assistance of deep-sea pilots in the North Sea, English Channel and Skagerrak, to make use only of the services of deep-sea pilots in possession of a deep-sea pilot’s card in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for the Good Government of Deep-Sea Pilotage in the North Sea, English Channel and Skagerrak in the form shown in Annex 1 to this Recommendation, issued to adequately qualified deep-sea pilots by a competent authority of a country having a coast bordering on the North Sea, English Channel or Skagerrak and listed in Annex 2 to this recommendation;

2. INVITES the Governments of the coastal States of the North Sea, the English Channel and the Skagerrak to provide information to IMO on how to secure the services of adequately qualified deep-sea pilots.
ANNEX 1

EXAMPLE OF THE DEEP-SEA PILOT'S CARD

Front of the card

IN THE NAME OF
THE CORPORATION OF TRINITY HOUSE

The bearer of this card is licensed to act as a Deep-Sea Pilot

All Authorities involved shall recognize him in this capacity and shall render him aid and protection in the pursuance of his duties

SIGNED: ________________________________

THIS CARD IS VALID UNTIL: ________________

Back of the card

DETAILS OF LICENCE

Date of issue: ________________ No: ____________

Limits: ________________________________

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Pilot's name: ________________________________

______________________________ photograph

Date of Birth: ________________

Signature: ________________________________
LIST OF COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

BELGIUM
1 Ministerie van Verkeerswezen en van Posten, Telegrafie en Telefone, Bestuur van het Zeewesen en van de Binnenvaart, Brussel

DENMARK
2 Royal Danish Administration of Navigation and Hydrography, København.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
3 Wasser- und Schifffahrtsdirektion Nord, Kiel

FRANCE
4 Ministère de la Marine Marchande, Administration Générale et des Gens de Mer, Paris

NETHERLANDS
5 Directoraat-General Scheepvaart en Maritieme Zaken, Directie Loodswezen en Scheepvaartverkeer, The Hague

NORWAY
6 Kystdirektoratet, Løsavdelingen, Oslo

SWEDEN
7 Sjöfartsverket, Norrköping

UNITED KINGDOM
8 Corporation of Trinity House, London
9 The Corporation of the Hull Trinity House, Hull
10 Newcastle upon Tyne Trinity House, Newcastle upon Tyne
11 Forth Pilotage Authority, Edinburgh
12 Clyde Pilotage Authority, Glasgow