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## **REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS**

### **Resolution on zero emissions no later than 2050**

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#### **SUMMARY**

*Executive summary:* This document proposes that the Committee – in recognition of the recent reports of the IPCC – recognize that international maritime transport must reach zero GHG emissions no later than 2050

*Strategic direction,  
if applicable:* 3

*Output:* 3.2

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 4

*Related document:* Resolution MEPC.304(72)

#### **Introduction**

1 The recent reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) emphasize the urgency of tackling the climate crisis and reinforce that, in order to keep the Paris Agreement temperature goals within reach, all emissions must peak now and a zero GHG emissions level must be achieved for all sectors by at least 2050. The reports confirm that failure to achieve these goals will realise the existential threat faced by some States. The co-sponsors recall that the Committee has adopted an evidence-based approach to setting emissions reduction targets in the Initial IMO GHG Strategy.

#### **Proposal**

2 Although IMO Member States continue, through the work of the Committee, to identify and develop policy options to help ensure that international maritime transport reaches zero GHG emissions, it is the common view of members of the Committee that GHG emissions must be phased out consistent with the Paris Agreement temperature goals.

3 In order to signal clearly to the shipping industry that GHG emissions should reach zero by no later than 2050 and that effective pathways are being developed, the Committee is invited to adopt at this session a clear, overarching statement, in the form a resolution, that the Organization is committed to GHG emissions from international maritime transport being reduced to zero by at least 2050. In this regard, the Committee is invited to consider with a view to adoption the draft MEPC resolution set out in the annex.

**Action requested of the Committee**

4 The Committee is invited to consider the proposal set out in this document and take action as appropriate.

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**ANNEX**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON  
ZERO EMISSION SHIPPING BY 2050**

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 or under international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING resolution MEPC.304(72) adopted on 13 April 2018 on an *Initial IMO Strategy on reduction of GHG emissions from ships*,

RECALLING resolution MEPC.328(76), which includes amendments to MARPOL Annex VI concerning mandatory goal-based technical and operational measures to reduce carbon intensity of international shipping

RECALLING that MEPC agreed to initiate the revision of the Initial IMO GHG Strategy at MEPC 77, and to adopt a Revised Strategy at MEPC 80 in 2023,

NOTING the IPCC analysis of anthropogenic global warming due to past and ongoing emissions,

CONSIDERING that, in light of the present trends described in the IPCC reports, the current regulations in MARPOL Annex VI concerning reduction of GHG emissions from ships alone are insufficient to reduce GHG emissions to achieve the Paris Agreement temperature goals:

- .1 RECOGNIZES that international shipping reaching zero GHG emissions by 2050 is essential to keep the Paris Agreement temperature goals within reach; and
- .2 DECIDES to keep this resolution under review in light of developments in the decarbonization of shipping.

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