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To: All IMO Members and Parties to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966

Subject: **Amendments to part A of the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code)**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-eighth session (7 to 16 June 2017), approved draft amendments to part A of the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code) for circulation with a view to adoption at its ninety-ninth session (16 to 25 May 2018).

2 The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith, in accordance with paragraph 2(a) of article VI of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (1988 Load Lines Protocol), as amended, the text of the aforementioned proposed amendments to part A of the 2008 IS Code, as set out in the annex, for consideration with the view to adoption by the Committee at its ninety-ninth session, in accordance with paragraph 2(d) of article VI of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol.

ANNEX

DRAFT MSC RESOLUTION

**AMENDMENTS TO PART A OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CODE ON INTACT STABILITY, 2008 (2008 IS CODE)**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO resolution MSC.267(85) by which it adopted the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 ("2008 IS Code"),

RECALLING FURTHER resolution MSC.414(97) by which it adopted amendments to the introduction and part A of the 2008 IS Code,

NOTING the provisions regarding the procedure for amendments to the introduction and part A of the 2008 IS Code, stipulated in paragraph (16).1 of regulation I/3 of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 ("1988 Load Lines Protocol"), as amended by resolution MSC.270(85),

RECOGNIZING the need to include provisions regarding ships engaged in anchor handling, lifting and towing operations, including escort towing, in the 2008 IS Code,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its [ninety-ninth session], amendments to part A of the 2008 IS Code, proposed and circulated in accordance with paragraph 2(a) of article VI of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with paragraph 2(d) of article VI of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol, further amendments to part A of the 2008 IS Code, as amended by resolution MSC.414(97), the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES, in accordance with paragraph 2(f)(ii)(bb) of article VI of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol, that the said amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on [1 July 2019], unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Parties to the 1988 Load Lines Protocol, or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of all the merchant fleets of all Parties, have notified the Secretary-General of the Organization of their objections to the amendments;

3 INVITES Parties to the 1988 Load Lines Protocol to note that, in accordance with paragraph 2(g)(ii) of article VI of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol, the amendments shall enter into force on [1 January 2020] upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization, for the purposes of paragraph 2(e) of article VI of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex to all Parties to the 1988 Load Lines Protocol;

5 REQUESTS ALSO the Secretary-General of the Organization to transmit copies of this resolution and its annex to Members of the Organization, which are not Parties to the 1988 Load Lines Protocol.

ANNEX

**AMENDMENTS TO PART A OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CODE ON INTACT STABILITY, 2008 (2008 IS CODE)**

**PART A
MANDATORY CRITERIA**

The footnote to the existing title of chapter 2 is deleted.
