

## ***Resolution concerning regular meetings of the MLC, 2006, Special Tripartite Committee***

The Special Tripartite Committee established by the Governing Body under Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, having met in Geneva between 7–11 April 2014,

Noting the long and unique history of the Maritime Sector within the ILO and the important contribution it has played in addressing key labour issues within the globalized shipping industry and thereby ensuring that ILO activities remain relevant to the realities of the global shipping industry,

Noting that the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, has been cited as being the fourth pillar of the global maritime regulatory regime, the others being the IMO SOLAS, MARPOL and STCW Conventions,

Noting the desire since the Geneva Accord was adopted to be able to update and review the implementation and effectiveness of the Convention on a regular basis,

Recalling the obligation of the Special Tripartite Committee to keep the Convention under continuous review and the need for the Special Tripartite Committee to provide a forum for consultation under Article VII for those Members where representative organizations of shipowners or of seafarers do not exist with that Member,

Considers that the next three years will be crucial in securing the effective implementation of the Convention,

Noting that continuous evolution and technical developments in the shipping industry and the importance of taking the social and labour aspects into account, in order to maintain decent work for the seafarers who crew the world's fleet,

Noting also the importance of the effectiveness of the Convention to the global maritime regulatory regime, the shipping industry, the seafarers and global community, with 90 per cent of world trade transported by sea,

Requests that adequate budget and resources are made available to host regular sessions of the Committee over the next three years, with the frequency of meetings to be reviewed after this initial period, and

Invites the Director-General to ensure that adequate resources are provided to maintain the relevance and the effective implementation of the Convention in future years through regular meetings of the Committee.