

**Resolution A.873(20)**

*Adopted on 27 November 1997  
(Agenda item 12)*

**TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING THE ACCEPTANCE  
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IMO INSTRUMENTS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING that IMO was the first organization within the United Nations system formally to accept and establish a Technical Co-operation Committee,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the continued commitment of Member States to the objectives of the Organization as evidenced by their ratification of most of the instruments adopted by IMO,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the continuous efforts to promote the world-wide acceptance and implementation of the instruments of the Organization,

RECALLING resolution A.500(XII), which states that implementation of IMO instruments is a high-priority item and that all proposals for new conventions and/or amendments to existing conventions should only be entertained on the basis of a clear and well-documented demonstration of compelling need,

BEING COGNIZANT that the proliferation of amendments to IMO instruments and the adoption of new instruments could increase the difficulties some Member States are facing in the implementation of existing instruments, thus resulting in different levels of implementation in different regions of the world,

BEING AWARE that a substantial portion of the Organization's regular budget is funded by developing countries,

RECOGNIZING that technical co-operation is a two-way process and that feedback from Member States on the results of any technical assistance they receive can contribute significantly to the effectiveness of technical co-operation,

BEING DESIROUS of ensuring uniform global implementation of existing IMO instruments by all Member States,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the restructuring and strengthening of the working arrangements of the Technical Co-operation Committee, with a view to promoting sustainable and rapid development of maritime administrations, will assist Member States,

ACKNOWLEDGING FURTHER that, in conformity with resolution A.100(IV), the Assembly shall decide on the use of any surplus in the Printing Fund at the end of each financial period, and on the successful application of resolution A.838(19) relating to the transfer of funds from the surplus of the Printing Fund to the Technical Co-operation Fund,

1. REAFFIRMS that technical co-operation is an essential part of the Organization's work to achieve the ratification and implementation of IMO's global instruments;
2. AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to transfer, at the beginning of each year from 1 January 2000, all surplus funds from the Printing Fund to the Technical Co-operation Fund, unless otherwise directed by the Assembly;

3. REQUESTS all IMO Committees, in co-operation with the Technical Co-operation Committee, to consider and adopt measures commensurate with the appropriate technical assistance for the promotion of the ratification and implementation of IMO instruments;
4. REQUESTS FURTHER that the Technical Co-operation Committee develop a mechanism to ensure a long-term and sustainable delivery of the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP);
5. INVITES Member States and organizations to continue, and if possible increase, their appreciable financial and in-kind support for the technical co-operation activities of the IMO;
6. REQUESTS those Member States receiving technical assistance to provide feedback to the Technical Co-operation Committee on the effectiveness of the assistance in securing better implementation;
7. APPROVES ALSO that the income arising from investments of the Technical Co-operation Fund shall continue to be credited to the Technical Co-operation Fund;
8. REVOKES resolution A.838(19).