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**SHARING OF RESULTS FROM RESEARCH ON MARINE LITTER AND ENCOURAGING STUDIES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND MICROPLASTICS FROM SHIPS**

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its seventy-third session, having recognized that more needed to be done to address the environmental and health problems posed by marine plastic litter, adopted the *Action plan to address marine plastic litter from ships* (resolution MEPC.310(73)) (Action Plan).

2 The Action Plan, which builds on existing policy and regulatory frameworks, identifies opportunities to enhance these frameworks and introduce new supporting measures to address the issue of marine plastic litter from ships. One measure to improve understanding of the contribution of ships to marine plastic litter is the sharing of results from research related to marine litter.

3 To progress the Action Plan, Member States and international organizations are encouraged to:

- .1 provide to the Organization results of any research conducted on marine litter, including any information on the areas contaminated by marine litter from ships; and
- .2 undertake studies to better understand microplastics from ships and provide the results of such studies to the Organization.