[MTC RESOLUTION NO. 10, S. 2009, October 08, 2009]

ACCREDITATION OF TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SHIP SECURITY OFFICER (SSO) UNDER REGULATION VI/5 OF THE 1978 STCW CONVENTION, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Maritime Safety Committee, at its Eighty-First Session, adopted the amendment to Chapter VI of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, which added a new Regulation VI/5, entitled "Mandatory Minimum Requirements for the issuance of Certificate of Proficiency for Ship Security Officer" which entered into force 01 January
2008;

WHEREAS, prior to the above-cited amendment, the Maritime Industry Authority in coordination with the Office of Transport Security (OTS), in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Safety of Life (SOLAS) Convention, accredits training provider/centers offering courses for Ship Security Officers (SSO) and Company Security Officer (CSO);

WHEREAS, paragraph 4 of Regulation VI/5 provides that, until 01 July 2009, a Party may continue to recognize personnel who hold or can document qualification as ship security officers before the entry into force of this Regulation;

WHEREAS, the completion of an approved training is one of the requirements in determining the professional competence of a Ship Security Officer under transitional provision of the STCW Code under MTC Resolution No. 04, Series of 2008;

WHEREAS, MTC Memorandum Circular No. 01, Series of 2008 provides that the accreditation of SSO under the adjusted program shall be administered by the MTC Secretariat;

WHEREAS, approval of accreditation of training courses required under Chapter VI of the STCW Convention is governed by MTC Resolution No. 03, Series of 1998;

WHEREAS, it is within the mandate of MTC to promulgate the standards in the administration of the Ship Security Officer in accordance with the STCW Convention.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, the Council RESOLVES, as it hereby RESOLVED that:

1. The Maritime Training Council shall commence with the accreditation of training program for the Ship Security Officer (SSO) in accordance with the