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The possibility of establishing an international centre for providing advanced training had been discussed in the 1970s, and in 1981 the IMO Assembly adopted a resolution backing the proposal. Sweden offered building facilities in Malmö and financial assistance to meet a part of the annual running expenditure. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) offered additional financial support. IMO was asked to make preparations for the establishment of the university and completed the task so rapidly that it was officially inaugurated in July 1983.

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Samir Miladi, Tunisia
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