THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(i) of the IMCO Convention concerning the functions of the Assembly,

CONSIDERING the need for specific provisions concerning life-saving appliances for special types of craft,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Recommendation on life-saving appliances for hydrofoil boats prepared by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fifteenth session (MSC XV/22, paragraph 40(d)),

RECOMMENDS that when establishing specific rules for hydrofoil boats, Administrations should be guided, in general, by the provisions of Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, and in particular should have regard to the points in the Annex to this Resolution,

REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to keep this Recommendation under review taking into account future technical developments,

INVITES all governments concerned to apply this Recommendation to such craft when engaged on international voyages.
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ANNEX

RECOMMENDATION ON LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES FOR HYDROFOIL BOATS

Hydrofoil boats should comply with the provisions of Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, and in particular should meet the following points:

1. **Survival craft**
   Liferafts should be provided sufficient to accommodate all persons on board.

2. **Lifejackets**
   Lifejackets should be provided for all persons on board plus 5 per cent of that number. A sufficient number of lifejackets suitable for children should also be provided.

3. **Lifebuoys**
   A minimum of four lifebuoys should be provided. At least two of them should have a lifeline in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 21(d) and the other two should be equipped with self-igniting lights.

4. **Equipment for liferafts**
   Liferafts should be equipped in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 17.

5. **Portable radio apparatus for survival craft**
   An approved portable radio apparatus for survival craft should be provided. It should comply with the provisions of Regulation 13.
6. **Distress signals**

Means of making effective distress signals by day and by night, including at least twelve parachute signals capable of giving a bright red light at a high altitude, should be provided to the satisfaction of the Administration.

7. **Ready availability of life-saving appliances**

The general principles of ready availability of survival craft laid down in Regulation 4 should be fully applied.

8. **Embankation into liferafts**

(a) Sufficient ladders to facilitate embarkation into liferafts should be provided when considered necessary.

(b) Means of illuminating the stowage position of liferafts should be provided. The exits from every main compartment occupied by passengers or crew should be continuously lighted by an emergency lamp. The power for these emergency lamps and for the illumination of stowage position of liferafts should be so arranged that they will in the event of failure of the main generating plant be supplied from an emergency source of power which might be battery operated.

(c) Suitable arrangements should be made for preventing any discharge of water into liferafts at fixed launching position.

9. **Stowage of liferafts**

Liferafts should be stowed to the satisfaction of the Administration in such a way that:

(a) they would not impede in any way the prompt handling of any other rafts or the marshalling of the persons on board at escape exits or their embarkation; and
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(b) they should be capable of being put into the water even in unfavourable conditions of trim and of $15^\circ$ of list either way.

10. **Maximum "abandon ship" time**

The Administration should establish for each hydrofoil boat a maximum time for launching liferafts and abandoning the boat, taking into account fire protection and subdivision factors and having regard to escape arrangements.

11. **Emergency instructions and drills**

(a) Written emergency instructions should be placed near the passengers' seats.

(b) Oral emergency instructions should be given to passengers on each departure.

(c) Practice musters and drills for the crew should take place in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 26.
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