THE ASSEMBLY,

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

RECALLING Resolutions A.54(III) and A.91(IV) to which Recommendation 48 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, relates,

BEARING IN MIND the various signals at present used by emergency position-indicating radio beacons,

NOTING that certain of these signals are not identical with the radiotelephone alarm signal as specified by No.1465 of the Radio Regulations,

NOTING FURTHER that radio beacon transmissions do not give details of the distress of the type included in distress messages,

RECOGNIZING the urgent need for unification of the characteristics of the beacon signals,

HAVING EXAMINED the Report of the Maritime Safety Committee (paragraph 44, MSC XV/22) and the relevant Recommendation of the Maritime Safety Committee (Annex VI to the Report),
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DECIDES that all these signals be considered as distress signals or messages under Regulation 10 of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, and Rule 31 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1960,

RECOMMENDS that further efforts be made for the unification of the characteristics of the beacon signals.