THE ASSEMBLY,

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

HAVING EXAMINED the Report of the fifteenth session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC XV/22, paragraphs 47-50),

BEARING IN MIND the amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, and in particular Regulation 18 of Chapter V and Regulation 7 bis of Chapter IV, which have been adopted by the Assembly at its present session,

NOTING that a Contracting Government to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, may require, in accordance with Regulation 18, Chapter V, ships navigating in an area under its sovereignty to be provided with a Very High Frequency radiotelephone station to be used in conjunction with a system which it has established in order to promote safety of navigation,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Recommendation adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fifteenth session (Annex XVIII, MSC XV/22),
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DECIDES that when a Contracting Government establishes such a system, it should:

(a) give adequate notice of the coming into force of that system;
(b) indicate the geographical limits of the area to which it will apply;
(c) indicate the classes of ships which will be affected; and
(d) convey any other relevant information,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to circulate any such notice and information to all Contracting Governments.