THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING with satisfaction that on 5 April 1966 the International Conference on Load Lines established and opened for signatures and acceptance an International Convention on Load Lines, 1966,

FURTHER NOTING with satisfaction that the conditions of coming into force of the Convention laid down in Article 28 having been fulfilled on 21 July 1967, the Convention will come into force on 21 July 1968,

NOTING ALSO that the Convention has so far been accepted by seventeen governments,

HAVING CONSIDERED the provisions of the Convention and its Annexes and five Recommendations adopted by the Conference,

APPROVES the outcome of the Conference,

ACCEPTS the obligations arising out of the Convention and its Annexes and the Recommendations of the Conference and, in particular, the acceptance of the duties of depositary by the Organization,
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INVITES the Maritime Safety Committee to pursue studies on the minimum freeboards for fishing vessels as envisaged in Recommendation 3 and to consider the problem of the consolidation of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960 and the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, in accordance with Recommendation 4,

INVITES those Member States which have not accepted or acceded to the Convention to give consideration to so doing as early as possible, and

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to inform all States concerned of these decisions of the Assembly.