The Assembly,

Taking note of the functions and duties conferred upon the Organization, by the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, signed at London on 10 June 1948, and by the Regulations annexed thereto which are deemed to constitute an integral part of the Convention and considering that the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1948 though not an integral part of the said Convention are closely related to it;

Noting further that article XV of the Convention provides, inter alia, that, when the Organization takes over the duties assigned to it, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will transmit to the Organization any documents which have been deposited or received by this Government under the Convention;

Decides to accept the duties and to perform the functions conferred upon the Organization by the aforesaid Convention;
Further decides to assume responsibility for the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea;

Urges the Maritime Safety Committee to undertake the studies contemplated in the Recommendations annexed to the Convention and to report to the Assembly through the Council on this matter at its next regular session;

Instructs the Secretary-General to take over the duties and functions pertaining to a secretariat which have been carried out so far by the Government of the United Kingdom under the provisions of article XV of the Convention and to receive all relevant documents which this Government will transmit to the Organization in this respect, including those appertaining to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
ACCEPTANCE OF DUTIES UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (1948) - REVISION OF THE REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA (1948), RESOLUTION A.2 (I) adopted on 9 January 1959 at the fifth meeting.

A footnote should be added to Resolution A.2 (I), and an asterisk (*) should be added at the end of the paragraph reading "Decides to accept the duties and to perform the functions conferred upon the Organization by the aforesaid Convention", as follows:

* Among the duties and functions mentioned in Article XV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, which are thus accepted from the United Kingdom Government, is the duty and function of communicating proposals for amending the Convention to the contracting Governments of the Convention for their consideration and acceptance. During the discussion of this subject by the Assembly of IMCO at its fifth meeting on 9 January 1959, it was noted that the Convention was to be revised in 1960 prior to the next meeting of the IMCO Assembly in 1961, and that many of the States attending the international conference to be convened in 1960 to revise the Convention would not be members of IMCO. Consequently, if IMCO were called upon to examine before
1960 any such proposals for amending the Convention, it was appropriate that the conclusions of IMCO concerning such proposals should be communicated only to IMCO members, and not to contracting Governments of the Convention who were not currently members of IMCO.