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THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(i) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

RECOGNIZING the importance of adequate and direct control of the manoeuvrability of large ships at any time during the voyage in order to reduce the risk of collision or stranding,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Recommendation by the Maritime Safety Committee at its twenty-third session,

ADOPTS the Recommendation on Steering Gear for Large Ships, the text of which appears at Annex to this Resolution,

INVITES all governments concerned to take steps to give effect to the Recommendation as soon as possible.
ANNEX

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Having regard to the possibility that a large ship proceeding at full speed with other ships in the vicinity can suddenly be deprived of the ability to operate the steering gear, it is recommended that arrangements should be made in all new ships over 70,000 tons gross tonnage to ensure to the satisfaction of the Administration that the navigating officer will at all times have adequate and direct control over the rudder movements even though in emergencies the full rate of movement may not necessarily be assured. This objective should be achieved by:

(a) the duplication of the steering gear operating mechanism;

(b) the provision of an alternative supply of power from the emergency generator; and

(c) alternative control arrangements from the bridge to the steering gear.

Such alternative arrangements should come into operation, either automatically, or in respect of (c) only by a changeover device on the navigating bridge, in the event of the failure of the arrangements in use at the time. The Administration might further examine existing ships over 70,000 tons gross tonnage to implement these arrangements in so far as they are reasonable and practicable.