THE ASSEMBLY,

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

NOTING FURTHER Article 29 of the IMCO Convention concerning the duties of the Maritime Safety Committee,

NOTING ALSO that the new Regulation 12(f) of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, will require radio equipment for homing on the radiotelephone distress frequency to be carried on all ships of 1,600 tons gross tonnage and upwards,

CONSIDERING the desirability of smaller ships to be also able to home on the radiotelephone distress frequency,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Recommendation by the Maritime Safety Committee at its twenty-first session,
RECOMMENDS Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, to encourage the fitting of ships of less than 1,600 tons gross tonnage with radio equipment for homing on the radiotelephone distress frequency.