THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING with satisfaction that on 20 October 1972 the Conference on Revision of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1960, adopted the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972;

HAVING CONSIDERED the provisions of the Convention its Rules and Annexes and, in particular, Article II which assigns depositary functions to the Organization;

HAVING CONSIDERED ALSO the resolutions adopted by the Conference;

DECIDES to accept the functions assigned to the Organization by the Convention and its Rules and other Annexes constituting the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 and, in particular, depositary functions conferred on the Organization;

URGES governments to give early consideration to Resolution II of the Conference which invites States which contemplate becoming Parties to the Convention:

(1) to deposit their instruments of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession at as early a date as possible;

(2) if they have not deposited such instruments before 31 December 1973, to give the Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization by not later than that date an indication of the period within which they expect to be able to do so.

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