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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,

BEARING IN MIND the provisions of Regulation 1 of Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

DESIRING to ensure the uniform application of Regulation 1(b)(iii) of that Chapter concerning the treatment of the number of persons allowed on board existing passenger ships resulting from an increase in life-raft capacity,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its twenty-fifth session,

RECOMMENDS that an Administration, when applying the provisions of sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of Regulation 1(b) of Chapter III for a ship built prior to the date of entry into force of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, ensures that the relaxed lifeboatage permitted by sub-paragraph (b)(i) of Regulation 27 of Chapter III, together with an increase in the number of persons on board, are allowed only if the ship fully complies with the provisions of:

(a) Part B - "Subdivision and Stability" - of Chapter II of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960;
(b) the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948 relating to fire safety measures as well as Part G of Chapter II of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, adopted by Resolution A.108(ES.III) on 30 November 1966;

(c) Regulation 68(a)(i)(3) of Part F of Chapter II of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960; and

(d) Regulation 29(a), (b), (e) and (f) of Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

INVITES all governments concerned to apply the above Recommendation in determining compliance with Regulation 1 of Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

BELIEVING that the universal application of the Recommendation could best be achieved by amending the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

NOTING that the International Conference on the Safety of Life at Sea will be convened in October 1974,

REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee and, in particular, its Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revision of the 1960 Safety Convention to prepare a proposed text of new Regulation 1(b)(iii) of Chapter III for inclusion in the draft International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, embodying the provisions of the above Recommendation.
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