CONVENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LOAD-LINES
RESOLUTION A.53(III) adopted on 24 October 1963
THE ASSEMBLY,

TAKING NOTE of Article 1(a) of the Convention which provides that the purposes of the Organization shall include the encouragement of the general adoption of the highest practicable standards in matters of maritime safety,

NOTING FURTHER Article 16 of the Convention and, in particular, paragraphs (h) and (i) thereof concerning the functions of the Assembly,

BEARING IN MIND Article 3(b) of the Convention concerning the functions of the Organization,

NOTING IN ADDITION that, under Article 29 of the Convention which concerns the duty of the Maritime Safety Committee, that Committee has considered the problem,

RECOGNIZING that the establishment by international agreement of minimum freeboards for sea-going vessels constitutes a most important contribution to maritime safety,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Council Resolution C.2(VI) recommending the Assembly to authorize the convening of an international conference to adopt a convention on load-lines,
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DECIDES

(1) to convene in London, in March and/or April 1966 an international conference for the adoption of a convention on load-lines,

(2) to request the Secretary-General to invite to the conference States Members of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency together with observers from such governmental and non-governmental organizations as are normally present at conferences convened by IMCO, and to take the necessary steps to arrange for this conference.