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THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 1 and Article 15(j) of the Convention on the
International Maritime Organization concerning the purposes of the
Organization and the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and
guidelines concerning maritime safety,

NOTING with great concern the danger to passengers and crews resulting
from the increasing number of incidents involving piracy, armed robbery and
other unlawful acts against or on board ships, including small craft, both at
anchor and under way,

RECALLING resolution A.545(13) which urged action to initiate a series of
measures to combat acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships and small
craft at sea,

RECOGNIZING the need for the Organization to assist in the formulation of
internationally agreed technical measures to improve security and reduce the
risk to the lives of passengers and crews on board ships,

1. CALLS UPON all Governments, port authorities and administrations,
shipowners, ship operators, shipmasters and crews to take, as soon as
possible, steps to review and, as necessary, strengthen port and on-board
security;
2. DIRECTS the Maritime Safety Committee, in co-operation with other committees, as required, to develop, on a priority basis, detailed and practical technical measures, including both shoreside and shipboard measures, which may be employed by Governments, port authorities and administrations, shipowners, ship operators, shipmasters and crews to ensure the security of passengers and crews on board ships;

3. INVITES the Maritime Safety Committee to take note of the work of the International Civil Aviation Organization in the development of standards and recommended practices for airport and aircraft security;

4. AUTHORIZES the Maritime Safety Committee to request the Secretary-General to issue a circular containing information on the measures developed by the Committee to Governments, organizations concerned and interested parties for their consideration and adoption.
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