THE ASSEMBLY,

BEING AWARE that the technical co-operation programme of the Organization pursues global objectives for the benefit of all Member States and in particular the developing countries,

RECOGNIZING that, within that global programme, the Organization has provided support for regional and subregional maritime development in Latin America, including the countries of Central America,

CONSIDERING that the General Assembly of the United Nations has recognized that peace and development are inseparable and has expressed its deep concern for the necessity of improving the conditions of life of the people of Central America,

CONSIDERING the fundamental importance of maritime transport for the international trade of Central America and the special interest of those countries in developing their merchant marine,

NOTING that on 7 October 1987 the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted by consensus resolution 42/1 which urges the international community to increase technical, economic and financial assistance to the countries of Central America and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to initiate a special co-operation plan for Central America,

1. REQUESTS the Members of the Organization, particularly those which are more developed in the maritime field, to consider the possibility of extending or increasing their assistance to the countries of Central America through the technical co-operation programme of the Organization;
2. ASKS the Secretary-General to take into account resolution 42/1 in formulating the Organization's technical co-operation programme and to offer the Organization's participation, within its field of competence, when the special co-operation plan for Central America, referred to in the said resolution, is drawn up.