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THE ASSEMBLY,

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

RECALLING ALSO that carriage of INMARSAT SafetyNET receive facilities is
required under regulation IV/7.1.5 of the 1988 amendments to the 1974 SOLAS
Convention concerning radiocommunications for the global maritime distress and
safety system,

RECOGNIZING that performance standards for such equipment are prescribed
in resolution A.664(16),

NOTING that resolution A.701(17) on radio maintenance guidelines for the
GMDSS related to sea areas A3 and A4, does not require duplication of the
enhanced group call receive facility in ships opting for equipment duplication,

NOTING ALSO that resolution A.664(16) allows such equipment to be
combined with an INMARSAT-C or INMARSAT-A ship earth station (SES), or other
equipment,

NOTING FURTHER that such equipment combined with another SES may miss
important maritime safety information (MSI), if that SES is left tuned to an
ocean region satellite other than the one broadcasting relevant maritime
safety information,

RECOMMENDS that, in order to ensure reception of MSI broadcasts via the
International SafetyNET service:

(a) MSI providers make:

(i) unscheduled SafetyNET broadcasts of distress alerts and urgent
warnings through all INMARSAT ocean region satellites covering
their area of responsibility;
(ii) routine SafetyNET broadcasts through at least one designated satellite in accordance with a pre-arranged schedule co-ordinated by the Organization;

(b) Governments ensure that up-to-date publications providing information on MSI broadcasts are included among the nautical publications required to be carried aboard ships in accordance with SOLAS regulation V/20;

(c) Governments encourage ships to carry an INMARSAT enhanced group call receive facility, with an omnidirectional antenna, dedicated to the reception of MSI via the international SafetyNET service.
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