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REVISED INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS

RESOLUTION A.113(V)

adopted on 25 October 1967

THE ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING

- (a) that Resolution A.80(IV) endorsed the recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee whereby Governments were recommended to make mandatory the carriage of the Code of Signals on all ships required to carry radiocommunications installation, and to consider seriously the desirability of the Code also being carried by other ships which, because of the nature of their employment, may have a need to use it;
- (b) that the Maritime World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC), Geneva, is presently examining the pertinent portions of the International Code of Signals and is revising Appendix 13 of the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), which includes a number of Q-group signals dealing with such subjects as navigation, search and rescue or meteorology;
- (c) that the Maritime Conference is also making the Q-code applicable to radiotelephony;

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- (d) that the fourteenth session of the Maritime Safety Committee has adopted certain basic concepts regarding the division of responsibilities between IMCO and ITU, as recommended by the Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications (COM I/7 of 24 October 1966);
- (e) that the Maritime WARC of ITU considered that one factor to be taken into account in the division of responsibilities mentioned in (d) above was adequate carriage in ships of the International Code of Signals;
- (f) that, as far as possible, the International Code of Signals and the Radio Regulations of ITU should not contain signals of the same meaning but with different code letters or figures which might confuse mariners, as well as radio personnel;

DECIDES

- (a) to urge governments
 - (i) to ensure that the revised International Code of Signals be carried on all ships which, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, are required to carry a radiotelephone or radiotelegraph installation;
 - (ii) to consider seriously the desirability of the Code also being carried by other ships which, because of the nature of their employment, may have a need to use it;

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- (b) that it is desirable to avoid, as far as practicable, duplication of signals with the same meaning but with different code letters and figures dealing with such subjects as navigation, search and rescue and meteorology in the two publications of IMCO and ITU, viz. the International Code of Signals and the Radio Regulations;
 - (c) that it is further desirable that Appendices 13 and 16, revised, of the new Radio Regulations come into force on the same date as that on which the revised International Code of Signals comes into force (1 January 1969);
 - (d) to request the Secretary-General to inform immediately the Secretary-General of ITU of this Resolution, so that its contents can be taken into account during the present WARC which ends on 4 November 1967.
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