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RECOMMENDATION ON CREW TRAINING

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THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(i) of the IMCO Convention concerning the functions of the Assembly,

BEARING IN MIND recent disastrous fires in ships, some of which resulted in heavy loss of life,

RECALLING its Resolution A/108(ES.III), by which it adopted certain amendments to Chapter II of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, particularly with regard to Regulation 91 of that Chapter,

NOTING Recommendation 39 of the International Conference on the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

NOTING ALSO the report of the joint ILO/IMCO Committee on the training of seafarers in the use of aids to navigation and other safety devices,

CONSIDERING that it is essential that fundamental instruction in fire prevention and fire-fighting be given to those engaged in all departments on board ship, and that this should be given as far as practicable and appropriate in pre-sea training courses or other shore-based courses,

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HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Recommendation on crew training prepared by the Committee (MSC XV/22, Annex III),

RECOMMENDS that each Member State should aim at training all its seafarers in fire prevention and fire-fighting to an extent appropriate to their functions on board ship; and that to this end:

- (a) all seafarers should be instructed in the dangers of fire in ships and the ways in which fires are caused and should be trained in the handling of first aid means of extinguishing fires; such training to be given as soon as possible in the career of every seafarer, preferably in pre-sea courses;
- (b) as many seafarers as possible of all departments should additionally be given training in attacking small outbreaks of fire and in the use of fire-fighting apparatus of various types provided on board ship;
- (c) all seafarers who are training to become certificated officers, and as far as practicable other key personnel who may also have to control fire-fighting operations, should be given more comprehensive training in the appropriate techniques for fighting fires; and that this training should also be given, as far as practicable, to existing certificated officers;
- (d) in drawing up syllabuses for courses of training in fire-fighting, the competent authorities should take into account Appendix F of the Report of the ILO/IMCO Committee on the training of seafarers, etc.; and should include in such syllabuses, where appropriate, practical training in extinguishing various types of fire and in the use of fire-fighting apparatus; and

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- (e) where training in fire-fighting is not included in the qualifications for other certificates, consideration may be given to the issue of special certificates indicating that the holder has attended a specified course of training in fire-fighting.
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