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INSTRUCTIONS ON SURVIVAL IN LIFERAFTS

RESOLUTION A.181(VI)
adopted on 28 October 1969

THE ASSEMBLY,

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

CONSIDERING the need for instructions on immediate action to be taken as soon as the liferaft is entered as well as on how to survive in the liferaft,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the usefulness of international uniformity for this purpose,

TAKING FURTHER INTO ACCOUNT Regulation 17(a)(xix), Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the nineteenth session of the Maritime Safety Committee,

DECIDES to recommend that Administrations satisfy themselves that the instructions required by the above-mentioned Regulation include:

- (a) brief instructions concerning immediate action upon entering the liferaft, written in easily legible type on waterproof material and displayed so as to

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be immediately seen by a person entering the life-raft, in one of the official languages of the Organization in addition to the official language of the country, as shown in Attachment A to this Resolution;

- (b) more detailed instructions on how to survive in the liferaft, the contents of which appear in Attachment B to this Resolution.

ATTACHMENT A

Immediate action upon entering the liferaft

1. GET AWAY FROM THE SINKING SHIP
2. LOOK FOR AND GATHER OTHER SURVIVORS
3. CHECK THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF THE LIFERAFT
4. OPEN KIT AND READ INSTRUCTIONS ON SURVIVAL

ATTACHMENT B

Additional instructions for survival

1. FIRST AID
2. GATHERING OF SURVIVAL CRAFT
3. DRYING LIFERAFT, INFLATION OF THE FLOOR (WHERE APPLICABLE)
4. USE OF THE SEA ANCHOR
5. ADJUSTMENT OF DOORWAY CLOSING AND CHECKING OF THE TOP SIGNAL LAMP
6. APPOINTMENT OF THE PERSON TO BE IN CHARGE

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7. PREPARATION OF AND PUTTING INTO ACTION, IF NECESSARY,
THE SIGNALLING DEVICES AND/OR RADIOCOMMUNICATION APPARATUS
 8. ADVICE FOR THE PERSON IN CHARGE ON
 - (a) watch arrangements;
 - (b) survival protection against cold or heat;
 - (c) water and food rationing, collection of rainwater;
 - (d) instruction on "do's and don'ts" for survival.
 9. LIFERAFT'S ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
 10. ACTION ON ARRIVAL OF RESCUE UNITS
 11. PREPARATION FOR BEING TAKEN IN TOW
 12. RESCUE BY HELICOPTER
 13. APPROACHING LAND AND BEACHING LIFERAFT
 14. SKETCH SHOWING THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE LIFERAFT,
HOLE PLUGGING, ETC.
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