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THE ASSEMBLY,

CONVINCED that the implementation of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, and its Annex and the adoption, on a global basis, of standardized shipping documents as provided in that Annex, will greatly benefit international shipping and trade,

RECALLING its Resolutions A.136(V) and A.194(VI) by which it encouraged early acceptance of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic and recommended universal adoption of standardized Model Forms of shipping documentation as developed by the Organization,

NOTING with satisfaction that 30 Governments have accepted the Convention and 27 Governments have informed the Organization that they have undertaken an examination of their shipping documentation with a view to considering possibilities of simplifying and reducing their documentary requirements on arrival, stay and departure of ships by using Forms conforming to the recommended Models,

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CONCERNED, however, that there still remain a great number of Governments which are not directing their efforts toward reducing documentary requirements and introducing the recommended Models,

TAKING NOTE of the views of the Contracting Governments as expressed in the report of the fifth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Facilitation,

CALLS UPON Governments, Parties to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, to take all possible steps including the amendment of national laws, where necessary, to enable them to adopt uniform international documentation as previously recommended by the Assembly and to implement the provisions set out in the Annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic,

URGES Governments which have not yet accepted the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965:

- (a) to consider doing so as soon as practicable;
- (b) in the event that an early acceptance of the said Convention is not possible, to proceed nevertheless with the implementation of standardized shipping documents conforming as closely as possible to the Models recommended in Resolution A.194(VI) as a basic effective measure of facilitation in maritime traffic,

RECOMMENDS that Governments inform the Secretary-General, if they have not yet done so, of the steps taken to implement the Model Forms or of difficulties experienced with respect to the implementation of individual Forms, for further consideration as necessary.

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