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FACILITATION MEASURES IN MARITIME TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its Resolutions A.194(VI) and A.239(VII) which urged governments to accept the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, and where early acceptance of the said Convention was not possible, to proceed nevertheless with the simplification and reduction of shipping documentation by implementing the Model Forms, developed and recommended by the Organization,

RECALLING ALSO Resolution 3 of the International Conference on Facilitation of Maritime Travel and Transport, 1965, which inter alia invited Contracting Governments to create national and regional committees to encourage the development of facilitation measures,

NOTING with satisfaction that 34 governments have accepted the Convention and 33 governments have informed the Organization on their active examinations of possibilities - including amendment, where necessary, of national laws - of simplifying and reducing their documentary requirements on the arrival, stay and departure of ships by using Forms conforming to the recommended Models,

CONCERNED, however, that a considerable number of governments have not, as yet, informed the Organization of steps taken to implement the Model Forms or of difficulties experienced with respect to the implementation of individual Forms,

NOTING ALSO that 15 governments have informed the Secretary-General of the existence or the creation of the aforementioned national facilitation committees,

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RECOGNIZING the desirability of creating national or regional committees which include representation and active participation of both governmental bodies and commercial interests,

CONVINCED that simplification and uniformity in shipping documentation and procedures will greatly benefit international maritime traffic and trade,

RESOLVES:

- (a) to urge governments which have not yet accepted the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, to do so as soon as practicable, and governments which have not yet considered the question of simplification of their shipping documentation on the arrival, stay and departure of ships, to do so as soon as possible with a view to using the Model Forms as developed by the Organization and recommended by the Assembly Resolution A.194(VI),
 - (b) to recommend that governments which have not yet done so, inform the Organization of action taken or difficulties experienced with respect to the application of individual Forms and seek the advice and assistance of the Organization in overcoming these difficulties,
 - (c) to request those governments which accept the IMCO Model Forms to accept these Forms regardless of the origin of the printing of the Forms,
 - (d) to recommend that all governments concerned, including in particular governments which have not accepted the above Convention, create national and, if necessary, regional committees composed of representatives of governmental and commercial sectors for the purpose of developing and accomplishing measures of facilitation.
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