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RECOMMENDATION ON MARKING AND LABELLING OF DANGEROUS GOODS

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING the need to improve safety of life at sea,

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

RECALLING its Resolution A.299(VIII) which urged States, Members of the Organization, to accord full support to and co-operation in the fostering and adoption of a single internationally approved system for identifying, classifying and labelling dangerous or hazardous cargo which would be applicable to all modes of transport,

RECALLING ALSO Resolution A.81(IV), A.120(V) and A.230(VII) by which it approved the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code and recommended its adoption so as to obtain harmonization of national regulations and facilitate the international traffic of such goods,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the need to clarify the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea regarding "Marking and Labelling",

HAVING CONSIDERED the Reports of the Maritime Safety Committee on its thirty-second and thirty-third sessions,

RESOLVES:

- (a) to adopt the text of the Recommendation on Marking and Labelling of Dangerous Goods annexed to this Resolution, and
- (b) to recommend its implementation to all governments,

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INVITES governments to propose in due course an appropriate amendment to Regulation 4 of Chapter VII of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

ANNEX

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Each package containing dangerous goods shall be durably marked with the correct technical name of the contents (trade names alone shall not be used) and identified with a distinctive label or stencil of the label so as to make clear the dangerous properties of the goods. Each package shall be provided with such a label or stencil of a label, except packages containing dangerous goods packed in limited quantities or of a low degree of danger as determined by the Organization and specified in the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code).

Note: The method of marking the label and correct technical name on packages containing dangerous substances should be such that this information will still be identifiable on packages surviving at least three months' immersion in the sea. In considering suitable marking methods account should be taken of the durability of the materials used and of the surface of the package. (Paragraph 7.2.2 of Section 7 - Identification and Marking of the General Introduction to the IMDG Code)
