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THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(1) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

NOTING FURTHER that the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, may come into force in the near future,

REALIZING that tonnages determined under the 1969 Tonnage Convention can be sufficiently different from those determined under tonnage regulations presently in force as to create difficulties in connexion with the application of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, in force,

RECALLING Recommendation 2 of the International Conference on Tonnage Measurement, 1969, which, inter alia, recognized that the transition from existing tonnage measurement systems to the new system provided in the 1969 Tonnage Convention should cause the least possible impact on the economics of merchant ships,

DESIRING to overcome possible difficulties which might arise with regard to the application of the safety requirements in force for certain ships when measured in accordance with the 1969 Tonnage Convention in comparison with the national tonnage rules in effect prior to the coming into force of that Convention,

NOTING that the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea does not specifically define the gross tonnage of ships which should be measured for the purpose of application of the provisions of that Convention,

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HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations by the Maritime Safety Committee at its thirty-sixth session,

ADOPTS the following interim scheme:

- (a) At the request of a shipowner, the Administration may allow a ship required to be measured under the provisions of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, to use the gross tonnage measured under the national tonnage rules which were in effect prior to the coming into force of the 1969 Tonnage Convention, for the purpose of application of the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, such tonnage however shall not be shown on the 1969 Tonnage Certificate;
- (b) For such a ship, the appropriate box in the pertinent Ship Safety Certificate of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, in force, may show only the gross tonnage measured under the national tonnage rules which were in effect prior to the coming into force of the 1969 Tonnage Convention, with the following footnote:

"The above gross tonnage has been measured by the tonnage authorities of the Administration, in accordance with the national tonnage rules which were in force prior to the coming into force of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement, 1969,"

AGREES that the above interim scheme will expire on 31 December 1985,

INVITES Member Governments and governments of States Parties to the aforementioned Convention to take cognizance and to accept the use of this interim scheme, for the purpose of application of the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea,

REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to continue its work on this subject with a view to developing amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, to obviate problems which may be encountered upon the entry into force of the 1969 Tonnage Convention.

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