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THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING with satisfaction the outcome of the International Conference on the Establishment of an International Maritime Satellite System, 1975-1976,

BEARING IN MIND that considerable improvements to the maritime distress and safety systems and to the communication link between ships and between ships and their management as well as between crew or passengers on board and persons on shore can be made by using satellites,

NOTING ALSO that in accordance with Article 33 of the Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT), the Convention shall lapse if it has not entered into force before September 1979,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that so far only two States have become Parties to the Convention,

URGES Member Governments to expedite their national procedures to enable them to become Parties to the Convention and thus to ensure the establishment of the INMARSAT Organization.

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