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THE ASSEMBLY,

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

CONSIDERING Regulation 21 of Chapter I of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, which requires Administrations to conduct an investigation of any casualty occurring to any of its ships when it judges that such an investigation may assist in determining what changes in the requirements of the 1974 SOLAS Convention might be desirable,

NOTING that the Maritime Safety Committee has considered reports of investigations into serious marine casualties and has recognized the importance of a free exchange of information between Governments and, in particular, the need for providing details of those casualties,

BEING AWARE that investigations into casualties, especially in the case of collisions, are often hampered by lack of exchange of information where ships under different flags are involved,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its thirty-ninth session,

URGES Governments to co-operate on a mutual basis in investigations into marine casualties and to exchange information freely for the purpose of a full appraisal of such casualties.

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