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USE OF THE STANDARD MARINE NAVIGATIONAL VOCABULARY

THE ASSEMBLY,

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

RECOGNIZING that English is frequently used as a common language for the communication of information and advice between marine pilots and shipmasters and for the communication of navigational orders on board ship,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that the standardization of language and terminology used in such communications would assist the conduct of ships and contribute to greater safety of navigation,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-fourth session,

1. RECOMMENDS the use of the Standard Marine Navigational Vocabulary for communications on board ship;
2. AUTHORIZES the Maritime Safety Committee to amend the Vocabulary as and when necessary in accordance with the procedure set out in Annex II to resolution A.380(X) so as to take into account the use of the Vocabulary for communications on board ship;
3. RECOMMENDS that Member Governments:
 - (a) Give the amended Vocabulary a wide circulation to all prospective users and maritime education authorities;
 - (b) Forward to IMCO in due course any comments by users for further evaluation.

