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CARRYING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS IN BULK

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THE ASSEMBLY,

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

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.212(VII) by which it adopted the Code for the  
Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk  
(the Bulk Chemical Code),

NOTING that there is a need to harmonize the Bulk Chemical Code with the  
Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in  
Bulk (resolution A.326(IX)) (the Gas Carrier Code),

NOTING ALSO that a revision of the Bulk Chemical Code is being prepared  
which will align with the Gas Carrier Code,

NOTING FURTHER that the revised Bulk Chemical Code and the present Gas  
Carrier Code will be made mandatory under Chapter VII of the International  
Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (the 1974 SOLAS Convention),

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

- 1 REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to complete the task with all  
possible speed;
- 2 AUTHORIZES the Maritime Safety Committee to adopt the revised Bulk Chemical  
Code when finalized;

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3 REQUESTS the Secretary-General to issue the revised Bulk Chemical Code and the Gas Carrier Code incorporating the agreed sets of amendments prior to the entry into force of the amendments to Chapter VII of the 1974 SOLAS Convention which will make these two updated Codes mandatory in respect of new ships;

4 REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee to keep the Bulk Chemical Code under review with regard to standards for safety and marine pollution prevention, taking into account experience and future developments with regard to the bulk carriage of dangerous or noxious chemicals.

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