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THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention of the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety and the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.741(18), by which it adopted safety and pollution prevention management requirements through the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (International Safety Management (ISM) Code) and resolution A.788(19) on Guidelines on Implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Administrations,

RECALLING FURTHER that the 1994 Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, adopted a new chapter IX on Management for the Safe Operation of Ships by virtue of which the ISM Code became mandatory for certain ships as from 1 July 1998,

FURTHER RECALLING that, in response to concerns about progress with ISM Code certification by shipping companies and ships to which chapter IX would apply as from 1 July 1998, the Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-sixth session, and the Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its thirty-eighth session, approved MSC/Circ.761/MEPC/Circ.311 on Timely and effective implementation of the ISM Code,

ALSO RECALLING resolution A.848(20) on Implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, in operative paragraph 7 of which it invited Member Governments and Contracting Governments to the SOLAS Convention to:

- (a) be aware that there was a significant amount of work required to ensure application of the ISM Code to other general cargo ships and mobile offshore drilling units of 500 gross tonnage and upwards by 1 July 2002; and
- (b) expedite the process of application of the ISM Code to those ships well in advance of the enforcement date,

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NOTING the importance of Governments being mindful of the considerable time needed for effectively implementing the ISM Code on cargo ships other than oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers, bulk carriers and cargo high-speed craft of 500 gross tonnage and upwards, as well as on mobile offshore drilling units of 500 gross tonnage and upwards, and thus of the need for well-planned time schedules for the implementation process, which should be put in place in good time before the Code's second implementation date of 1 July 2002,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its seventieth session,

1. URGES Member Governments, Contracting Governments to SOLAS and the industry to take urgent appropriate action to ensure that ships and shipping companies liable to ISM certification as from 1 July 2002 are so certificated and prepared in all respects to comply with the requirements of the Code thereafter;
2. DRAWS the attention of Member Governments, Contracting Governments to SOLAS and the industry to the fact that SOLAS regulation IX/2 does not provide for any extension of implementation dates for the introduction of the ISM Code;
3. INVITES Member Governments, Contracting Governments to SOLAS and the industry to bring this resolution to the attention of all concerned, particularly shipowners, ship operators and managers, shipping companies and classification societies.

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