

ANNEX I

IMCO'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMPETENCE IN THE FIELDS OF
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT, CONTAINERIZATION AND THE MARITIME
CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Resolution C.61(XL)

adopted on 22 May 1978

THE COUNCIL,

HAVING NOTED resolution 2098 (LXIII) of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination regarding the allocation of overall transport functions at the system level,

RECALLING the work undertaken in IMCO in the field of multimodal transport and containerization culminating in the adoption of the International Convention for Safe Containers, 1972 by the UN/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic,

RECALLING FURTHER Council Resolution C.57(XXXII) concerning IMCO'S work and interest in the field of container standards,

MINDFUL of the impact of containerization and related technological development in maritime transport on multimodal transport in general, and convinced of the indivisibility of safety in international multimodal transport,

RECALLING IMCO'S work relating to the maritime transport of dangerous goods and, in particular, the adoption and publication of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code,

RECOGNIZING the need for work in these areas to be continued and developed further in order to take account of technological and related developments,

ANXIOUS that IMCO shall be in a position to provide needed assistance to developing countries in these fields in the most expedite manner; and to avoid misunderstanding or confusion on the part of countries making requests for assistance,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that, in endorsing the conclusions and recommendations of CPC, ECOSOC recognized the competence of nodal transport specialist organizations and accepted that the assignment of "primary responsibility" in certain areas to certain organizations or bodies did not imply that those organizations or bodies were to be deemed as having "exclusive responsibility" in the areas concerned,

REAFFIRMS the responsibility and interest of IMCO in

- (a) the safety, technical and related aspects of containerization and multimodal transport involving a sea-leg;
- (b) the technical and related problems involved in the safe and efficient operation of ports, in particular as they effect the facilitation of shipping;
- (c) the technical, scientific and related problems in the maritime transport of dangerous goods,

REITERATES the willingness of IMCO to continue to co-operate fully with other organizations in the United Nations in this field, in particular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in the field of multimodal transport and containerization and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) in the field of transport of dangerous goods; while co-operating also with other organizations outside the United Nations system, such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO),

REQUESTS AND AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to communicate this resolution to the organizations and bodies concerned.
