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RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND
THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
SAFETY OF FISHING VESSELS

RESOLUTION C.31(XVII)
adopted on 2 December 1966

THE COUNCIL,

NOTING that the Organization is responsible for matters affecting safety of life, vessels and equipment at sea, that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) is responsible for labour matters in the fishing industry and that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is responsible for fisheries in general, except those responsibilities assigned to the ILO and IMCO,

RECALLING Recommendation 4 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, which recommends that Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, transmit to IMCO information as to the extent to which they have found it practicable to apply the appropriate provisions of that Convention to fishing vessels, with a view to such information being disseminated to Contracting Governments and to FAO, and,

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NOTING that such information has now been furnished,

RECOGNIZING that the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization is required by Article 46 of its Convention to co-operate with any specialized agency of the United Nations in matters which may be the common concern of the Organization and of such specialized agency and to consider such matters and act with respect to them in accord with such specialized agency,

CONSIDERING that Article III of the Agreement on Co-operation between IMCO and FAO provides for the creation of joint commissions or committees,

CONCLUDING that it would be desirable for IMCO and FAO to have recourse to a joint committee on matters relating to the safety of fishing vessels, with the exception, for the present, of the subdivision and stability thereof which is already the subject of a special arrangement between the two Organizations,

DECIDES to provide for the establishment of such a committee which shall be:

- (i) convened only when, and to the extent that, a particular question of a technical character and of substantial concern to FAO as to the fisheries aspect is involved, and when it would be inappropriate to attempt to resolve this issue solely in existing IMCO sub-committees;
- (ii) composed of eight nations, four to be selected by FAO and four to be selected by the Council from among States Members of IMCO, with specific regard to the substance of the matter or matters to be discussed on each occasion;

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FURTHER DECIDES that the joint committee shall express its views and recommendations on any particular question submitted to it in a report to be presented in accordance with Article III-4 of the Agreement between IMCO and the FAO,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take, in consultation with the Director-General of FAO, all necessary steps, in the light of Article III of the Agreement on Co-operation between the two Organizations, in order to ensure the proper functioning of the Committee.
