FACILITATION OF TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING with satisfaction that on 9 April 1965 the International Conference on Facilitation of Maritime Travel and Transport established and opened for signature and acceptance a Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic.

HAVING CONSIDERED the provisions of the Convention and its Annex as well as six Resolutions adopted by the Conference and, in particular, Resolutions 4 and 5 concerning respectively establishment of an ad hoc working group and future work on facilitation,

DESIRING to provide for the establishment of the necessary advisory and consultative machinery to assist the Secretary-General in carrying out the tasks devolving on him under the Convention,

DECIDES to accept the obligations arising out of the Convention, its Annex and Resolutions of the Conference and, in particular, to endorse the implementation by the Organization of Resolution 4 concerning the establishment of an ad hoc working group,

DIRECTS that the Working Group which shall be composed of experts of the Governments parties to the Convention shall be convened as appropriate by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Council following the entry into force of the Convention and,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to inform all interested States of the decision of the Assembly to accept for the Organization the obligations arising out of the Convention, its Annex and Resolutions of the Conference,

FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to endeavour during the period before the entry into force of the Convention to take whatever steps he may consider necessary and practicable to implement the provisions of the Resolutions of the Conference, in particular Resolution 5 on future work on facilitation.

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RESOLUTION A.79(IV)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LOAD LINES IN 1966

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its Resolution A.53(III) by which it decided to convene in London, in the spring of 1966, an international conference for the adoption of a convention on load lines,

HAVING EXAMINED the Report of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC X/36, paragraphs 18-29), which was transmitted to the Assembly by the Council in accordance with Article 22(a) of the IMCO Convention, and document A.IV/11/Rev.1 relating to the state of preparation for the Conference,

NOTES that the Conference will be held in London, 3 March – 5 April 1966,

APPROVES the state of preparations for the Conference but expresses the hope that the Main Committee and the Committee on General Provisions will be combined into one committee.

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RESOLUTION A.80(IV)

INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS

THE ASSEMBLY.

RECALLING Resolution A.3(I) whereby the Assembly decided that the Organization should assume all the functions then being performed by the International Code of Signals Committee and requested the Maritime Safety Committee to assume the duties of providing the necessary machinery in accordance with Article 29(b) of the IMCO Convention;

TAKING NOTE with satisfaction that the Maritime Safety Committee, at its tenth session (MSC X/36, paragraphs 31-34) was able to approve a revised Code of Signals;

TAKING NOTE also that consideration is still being given by the International Telecommunication Union to those parts of the revised Code which are related to the Radio Regulations;

BEARING IN MIND the important contribution which the revised Code of Signals will make to safety at sea;

DECIDES

- (a) to adopt the revised Code of Signals;
- (b) to endorse the recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee which appear in the Annex to this Resolution regarding the distribution, carriage and periodic revision of the Code and the knowledge of the spelling tables;
- (c) to authorize the Maritime Safety Committee to incorporate any amendments to the Code which may become necessary as a result of the next or any future Administrative Radio Conference for the Maritime Mobile Service;
- (d) to specify I January 1968 as the date for bringing the Code into force, provided that an Administrative Radio Conference for the Maritime Mobile Service has given final consideration to those parts of the Code on which ITU concurrence is required; however, in the event that ITU concurrence is not obtained or any necessary amendments to the Code cannot be incorporated by the Maritime Safety Committee by 1 January 1968, every effort should be made to bring the Code into force as soon thereafter as is feasible. If necessary, the figure-spelling table and procedural signals should be adopted on an experimental basis;
- (e) to invite Governments to supply, in due course, any comments by users of the Code so that it can be revised and kept up to date, as necessary;
- (f) to invite the Secretary-General to communicate the Code, together with a copy of this Resolution, to all IMCO Member States, and to all States which were invited to be represented at the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960.