

**RESOLUTION A.492(XII)**

*Adopted on 19 November 1981  
Agenda item 10(b)*

**APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON  
TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF SHIPS, 1969**

THE ASSEMBLY,

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

NOTING that the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, will come into force on 18 July 1982,

RECALLING FURTHER Recommendation 2 of the International Conference on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, which recommends that gross and net tonnages determined in accordance with the provisions of the 1969 Tonnage Convention should be accepted as parameters where those terms are used in conventions, laws and regulations,

REALIZING that the application of that Convention is important for a uniform and consistent treatment of ships under various conventions, laws and regulations and would also be of advantage to authorities concerned with the computation of tonnages,

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

1 URGES Governments which have not become Parties to the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, to do so as soon as possible, bearing in mind that the date of coming into force of that Convention is 18 July 1982;

2 RECOMMENDS Parties to the 1969 Tonnage Convention having mutual agreements on recognition of tonnage certificates with States not Parties to that Convention to consider limiting such agreements to existing ships;

3 ALSO URGES Governments concerned to request the Suez Canal Authority and the Panama Canal Commission to take steps to eliminate the need for special certificates for the purpose of assessing canal dues levied by them and to recognize for that purpose the International Tonnage Certificate (1969) for ships carrying such certificates;

4 REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to keep the matter under review and to report thereon to the Assembly at its next session.