

## LIGHTS AND SHAPES FOR DRACONES

THE ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that Article 1(a) of the IMCO Convention states that one of the purposes of the Organization is "to encourage the general adoption of the highest practicable standards in matters concerning maritime safety and efficiency of navigation";

TAKING NOTE also of Articles 22 and 30 of the IMCO Convention which set out the procedure for consideration and adoption of recommendations and reports concerning maritime safety;

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC X/36, paragraph 103) with regard to lights and shapes to be carried by vessels towing dracones and by dracones under tow;

DECIDES

- (a) to endorse the recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee to the effect that the following special signals should be displayed:

*By day* – The vessel towing will exhibit, where it can best be seen, a black diamond shape. The dracone, or the last dracone if there is more than one in line, will tow a float also exhibiting a black diamond shape, thus indicating the extremity of the tow.

*By night* – The vessel towing will exhibit, in addition to normal towing lights, where it can best be seen, an all round blue light visible at a distance of at least two miles, and the float towed by the dracone, or the last dracone if more than one is in line, will exhibit an all round white light visible at a distance of at least two miles.

- (b) to recommend that Member States should adopt the present provisions and publicize them as widely as possible.

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## RESOLUTION A.94(IV)

## NUCLEAR SHIPS

THE ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that the Recommendations of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, applicable to nuclear ships, provide for the development of more detailed requirements for nuclear ships, as and when need arises,

BEARING IN MIND the agreement established between the Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC X/36, paragraphs 115 – 121) which was transmitted to the Assembly by the Council in accordance with Article 22(a) of the IMCO Convention,

NOTING with approval the participation of IMCO in the Third International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in September 1964,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to continue to maintain all necessary co-operation with the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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## RESOLUTION A.95(IV)

### WEATHER MESSAGES IN OCEANIC AREAS

THE ASSEMBLY,

TAKING NOTE of the need for a better coverage of weather reports from ships on the high seas and particularly in areas where shipping is sparse,

TAKING NOTE of Recommendation 13 (CMM IV) of the Commission for Maritime Meteorology of the World Meteorological Organization, which was approved by Resolution 14 (EC-XVII) of the Executive Committee, in which WMO requests IMCO to co-operate in measures to publicize the contribution which ships can make to their own safety and economic operation by transmitting meteorological observations,

RECALLING Regulation 5, Chapter V, of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

BEARING IN MIND that it is only by the provision of radio weather messages from ships that an adequate weather forecasting service can be provided for shipping which is an essential service, particularly in tropical storm areas,

RECOMMENDS that governments should

- (a) encourage and facilitate the recruitment of, and make arrangements for the issue of instruments to, selected and supplementary ships;
- (b) draw the attention of shipowners to the desirability of as many ships as possible co-operating in the auxiliary ship scheme (details of which are available at port meteorological offices) for the provision of radio weather messages in oceanic areas where shipping is sparse.

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