

**RESOLUTION A.607(15)**

*Adopted on 19 November 1987  
Agenda item 12*

**ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL  
ARRANGEMENTS RELATED TO THE  
GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS)**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety,

NOTING with satisfaction the progress made in revising chapter IV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, for the purpose of introducing the global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS),

RECALLING FURTHER resolution A.420(XI) of 15 November 1979 which, *inter alia*, provides for extensive evaluation and practical testing before establishing the new system,

NOTING ALSO with appreciation the contents of the IMO publication entitled ***Global Maritime Distress and Safety System***, communicated to the WARC-MOB-87, which identifies, *inter alia*, the need for satisfactory practical tests and reliable interlinking of RCCs and communication networks (paragraphs 9.3, 9.4, 9.5),

BEING AWARE of relevant discussions in the Council of the Organization which concluded by urging early clarification by the Maritime Safety Committee of the administrative, financial and operational arrangements necessary for the introduction of GMDSS (C 57/D, paragraph 5.4),

1. ENDORSES the decision of the Council as stated above;
2. REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to ensure that outstanding issues of substance are resolved before the body competent to amend the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, to introduce the global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS) meets in 1988.