

RESOLUTION A.412(XI)

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**ACCEPTANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
RELATING TO MARITIME SAFETY AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 1 of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the purposes of the Organization,

DESIRING to promote, through international co-operation, safety of life and property at sea and to protect the marine environment,

RECOGNIZING that States have the right to introduce such regulations as they consider expedient for the furtherance of this objective,

CONVINCED, however, that the objective may best be achieved by establishing and implementing internationally agreed and uniform principles and rules directed thereto,

RECOGNIZING that a major contribution in this direction has been made by the adoption of:

- (a) The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and the 1978 Protocol relating thereto;
- (b) The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the 1978 Protocol relating thereto;
- (c) The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978,

RECALLING resolutions 1 and 2 adopted by the International Conference on Tanker Safety and Pollution Prevention, 1978,

1. RECOMMENDS that all Governments:

- (a) Make every effort to deposit instruments of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession at as early a date as practicable, having particular regard, where appropriate, to the above-mentioned resolutions;
- (b) Establish their national regulations in conformity with the provisions of the conventions and protocols referred to above and take appropriate steps to enforce those regulations both for ships flying the flags of their States and for foreign ships;

2. RECOMMENDS ALSO that Governments which consider it necessary to introduce requirements applicable to foreign ships which deviate from the international standards and rules adopted by IMCO, submit the requirements to the Organization for discussion, with a view to arriving at an international agreement.