Noting with satisfaction that on 6 October 1971 the International Conference on Special Trade Passenger Ships established and opened for signature and acceptance the Special Trade Passenger Ships Agreement, 1971, which shall constitute the general rules referred to in the said Convention and which shall supersede the Simla Rules, 1931,

Having considered the provisions of the Agreement and its Annex and Resolutions adopted by the Conference,

Approves the outcome of the Conference,

Accepts the obligations arising out of the Agreement and its Annex and the Resolutions of the Conference and, in particular, the acceptance of the duties of depositary by the Organization,

Invites Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, having a direct interest in special trades, to accept the Agreement as soon as possible.

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RESOLUTION A.203(VII)

RECOMMENDATION ON THE CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN STATES ON THE QUESTION OF ACCESS AND EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN SEA-BORNE SALVAGE EQUIPMENT IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

The Assembly,

Mindful of the need to promote at all times maximum safety for shipping in all areas of the sea,

 $\it Aware$ that maritime casualties may present serious hazards to navigation and to the coastal interests of States,

Considering that the ready availability of adequate salvage services in cases of maritime casualties is desirable,

Noting that salvage operations may involve access and employment of foreign sea-borne salvage equipment in the territorial seas of a State when requisite salvage facilities are not promptly available in that State;

Further noting that States may find it necessary or desirable to specify conditions under which foreign equipment may be brought into and employed in their territorial seas,

Considering that the conclusion of bilateral or regional agreements and arrangements relating to such conditions would facilitate an expeditious and efficient utilization of such foreign equipment,

Recommends all interested States to conclude such agreements and arrangements,

Requests States to communicate to the Secretary-General of IMCO any agreements and arrangements which they may conclude on the subject,

Instructs the Secretary-General to communicate to all interested States any information which he may receive from States in relation to such agreements or arrangements.

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RESOLUTION A.204(VII)

APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICES OF MR. HJALMAR R. BARDARSON

The Assembly,

Noting with satisfaction the impressive manner in which Mr. Hjálmar R. BARDARSON of Iceland performed his duties as President of the Sixth Assembly of IMCO between October 1969 and October 1971,

Expresses its appreciation to Mr. Bárdarson for his contribution to the work of the Organization during this period.

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RESOLUTION A.205(VII)

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1960

The Assembly,

Recognizing the need to improve safety of life at sea,

Noting Article 16(i) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, concerning the functions of the Assembly with regard to regulations relating to maritime safety,

Noting further that Article IX of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, provides for procedures of amendment involving participation of the Organization,

Having considered certain amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, forming the subject of Recommendations adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its twenty-second and twenty-third sessions and directed towards improvement of safety of navigation,

Adopts the following amendments to Chapter IV and Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960:

- (a) addition of a new paragraph (h) to Regulation 2, Chapter IV, the text of which is at Annex I to this Resolution;
- (b) replacement of Regulation 7(a) and (b), Chapter IV, by a new text which is at Annex II to this Resolution;
- (c) amendment to Regulation 9(a)(ii), 9(h), 9(k), 9(1) and 9(m), Chapter IV, the text of which is at Annex III to this Resolution;