RESOLUTION A.330(IX)

Adopted on 12 November 1975 Agenda item 7(c)

AMENDMENT TO THE RECOMMENDATION ON SAFE ACCESS TO AND WORKING IN LARGE TANKS (RESOLUTION A.272(VIII), ANNEX I) TO INCLUDE LARGE WATER BALLAST TANKS

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(i) of the IMCO Convention concerning the functions of the Assembly,

RECALLING that it adopted in Resolution A.272(VIII) the Recommendation on Safe Access to and Working in Large Tanks and Recommendation on Safe Access to and Working in Large Cargo Holds of Bulk Carriers,

RECOGNIZING that, due to the increasing size of vessels, such as tankers and bulk carriers, and the associated increase in the dimensions of tanks of such vessels, there is a need for improving safe access to all those spaces, including large water ballast tanks,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Recommendation by the Maritime Safety Committee at its thirty-second session,

RESOLVES that the Recommendation on Safe Access to and Working in Large Tanks (Resolution A.272(VIII), Annex I) should, in respect of requirements for the size of access openings, also apply to large water ballast tanks,

INVITES all governments concerned to take steps to give effect to this amendment to Resolution A.272(VIII), Annex I as soon as possible.