

RESOLUTION A.351(IX)

*Adopted on 12 November 1975
Agenda item 7(a)*

**USE OF METRIC UNITS IN THE SI SYSTEM IN THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT
SEA, 1974, AND OTHER FUTURE INSTRUMENTS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

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

RECALLING Resolution 5 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, by which it invited the Organization to study the "Système international d'unités" (SI system) with a view to its use in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, bearing in mind the desirability of expressing values in the metric system of units only,

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

RESOLVES that metric units in the "Système international d'unités" should be introduced in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 at the first opportunity and also in all future instruments to be adopted under the auspices of the Organization,

REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to prepare a proposal for replacing the present units in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, by metric values in the SI system in round figures where this can be done without prejudice to existing standards or commercially accepted practices.