

UNITED NATIONS/IMCO CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL  
CONTAINER TRAFFIC, 1972

The Assembly,

*Noting* Article 16 of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

*Recalling* its Resolution A.193(VI) which *inter alia*, authorized the Secretary-General to co-operate with the United Nations in the convening or jointly convening of a Conference on Container Traffic,

*Having considered* the Reports of the Maritime Safety Committee on the preparations for the Conference,

*Noting* the decision of the United Nations Economic and Social Council in particular that a Conference on International Container Traffic should be convened jointly by the United Nations and IMCO at Geneva beginning on 13 November 1972 for a maximum duration of five weeks,

*Noting* that consideration is still being given through the ECOSOC/IMCO Inter-governmental Preparatory Group to the feasibility of including discussion of a proposed TCM Convention on the Agenda of the Conference, in view of the need to ensure that the interests of developing countries are fully safeguarded,

*Considering* the Resolution adopted by the Committee on Shipping of UNCTAD proposing that a study of the economic implications of the proposed TCM Convention be undertaken and the reservations expressed there and in other fora by some Governments as to the appropriateness of the timing of the consideration by the Conference on International Container Traffic of the proposed TCM Convention,

*Suggests* that the United Nations, in its consideration of the provisional agenda of the said Conference, should not include the proposed TCM Convention if it is apparent that adequate preliminary studies have not been completed and that the Convention is not ready for international consideration,

*Decides* to endorse the convening of the UN/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, 1972, and in particular the resultant budgetary and administrative participation required of the Organization,

*Decides further* to authorize the Secretary-General to make all the necessary arrangements for the holding of the Conference,

*Invites* the appropriate bodies of the Organization to continue to proceed with the preparatory work necessary to the holding of the Conference, in particular those efforts related to the preparation of draft agreements and recommendations envisaged to be considered at the Conference.

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