

Resolution A.691(17)
Adopted on 6 November 1991
(Agenda item 10)

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS TO PASSENGERS

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety,

RECALLING ALSO the requirements of regulations III/18.3.2 and III/18.3.3 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended in 1983 (SOLAS), to draw the attention of passengers to the emergency instructions required by regulations III/8.2 and III/8.4 thereof, if a muster is not held,

CONSIDERING the need to provide emergency instructions to passengers so that they are aware of the essential actions that they should take in an emergency,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-ninth session,

1. RECOMMENDS that, if a muster is not held on departure of a passenger ship at the commencement of the voyage immediately after sailing, the attention of passengers be drawn to the emergency instructions required by SOLAS regulations III/8.2 and III/8.4 by means of an announcement, in appropriate languages, on the ship's public address system or by other suitable means;
2. INVITES the Maritime Safety Committee to prepare and adopt guidelines on the method of briefing and content of the safety instructions passengers should be given with regard to the essential actions they should take in any emergency and to circulate them to Governments;
3. INVITES Governments, in implementing this resolution, to take account of the recommendations to be made by the Maritime Safety Committee in the guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 above.