

RESOLUTION A.361(IX)

*Adopted on 14 November 1975
Agenda item 10(b)*

**INTERPRETATION OF THE IMCO CONVENTION CONCERNING
VOTING RIGHTS IN THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Resolution A.350(IX) by which it noted the outcome of the International Conference on the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and accepted the functions assigned to the Organization by the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974,

NOTING Article VIII of the said Convention which prescribes that all and only Contracting Governments of States, whether or not Members of the Organization, have the right to vote for the adoption of amendments to the Convention,

RECALLING also Resolution A.358(IX), by which it adopted amendments to the IMCO Convention concerning, *inter alia*, the voting rights in the Maritime Safety Committee,

BEARING IN MIND Article 29(b) of the IMCO Convention which prescribes that one of the functions of the Maritime Safety Committee is to provide machinery for performing any duties assigned to it by an inter-governmental instrument,

BELIEVING that the Maritime Safety Committee, when performing such duties, should follow the Rules of Procedure as provided for in the instrument in question, in particular voting rights when adopting amendments to such instrument,

TAKING NOTE of Resolution 3 of the International Conference on the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 concerning voting rights in the Maritime Safety Committee for the adoption of amendments,

TAKING NOTE also of Resolution A.294(VIII) adopted by the Assembly on 20 November 1973 concerning the voting rights on proposed amendments to conventions of which IMCO is depositary,

TAKING NOTE further of Article 55 of the IMCO Convention concerning the power of the Assembly regarding interpretation of the IMCO Convention,

REAFFIRMS THE VIEW that nothing in the IMCO Convention prevents the Maritime Safety Committee from following the Rules of Procedure as provided for in a convention of which IMCO is depositary when the Committee performs functions conferred upon it by such a convention, in particular voting rights of States represented in the Committee when adopting amendments to the convention.