

RESOLUTION A.331(IX)

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

RECOMMENDATION ON LONGITUDINAL RUBBING BANDS

THE ASSEMBLY,

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

NOTING that modern developments have resulted in the construction of increasing numbers of specialized vessels incorporating unusual design features, such as longitudinal rubbing bands, overhanging and sloping or raked ship sides, projections, knuckle plates and hard chine hull forms,

NOTING FURTHER that these special design features have resulted in increased difficulty in complying with Regulation 17(b) of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960 which covers the safe means for embarking and disembarking pilots,

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION Resolution A.332(IX) on Arrangements for Embarking and Disembarking Pilots in Very Large Ships,

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

RECOMMENDS that Administrations ensure the provision of a safe means of embarking and disembarking pilots as well as of launching and retrieval of lifeboats and rescue boats which complies fully with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960 in all vessels including those whose size, design or function incorporates unusual features, by a critical examination in the early design stages of the plans and facilities proposed.