

RESOLUTION A.304(VIII)

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Agenda item 23*

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

THE ASSEMBLY,

BEING AWARE of the purposes of the Organization concerning maritime safety and efficiency of navigation as stated in Article 1 of the IMCO Convention,

NOTING the significant contributions made by the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, towards the achievement of this objective,

RECOGNIZING the need to keep the technical provisions of the said Convention up to date in the light of technological progress,

NOTING WITH CONCERN that none of the numerous amendments to the Convention adopted hitherto by the Assembly has yet received sufficient acceptances by Contracting Governments so as to bring them into force,

CONCURRING with the view of the Maritime Safety Committee that the effective implementation of these amendments could best be achieved by concluding a new Safety Convention superseding the existing 1960 Safety Convention and embodying such amendments,

CONCURRING ALSO with the view of the Maritime Safety Committee that the new Safety Convention should also embody provisions for rapid entry into force of the Convention and for improved and accelerated amendment procedures so that any future amendments may be brought into force expeditiously,

NOTING Article 3(b) of the IMCO Convention concerning the convening of conferences,

TAKING NOTE of the progress made by the Maritime Safety Committee in the preparatory work for the Conference,

DECIDES to convene in October 1974, an International Conference to conclude a new convention which would supersede as between the Parties to this Convention, the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

DECIDES FURTHER that the principal objective of the Conference shall be to replace the existing 1960 Safety Convention by a new Convention, substantially in conformity with the technical provisions of the 1960 Convention, which shall incorporate:

- (a) provisions for rapid entry into force of the Convention;
- (b) improved and accelerated amendment procedures;
- (c) amendments to the 1960 Convention which have already been adopted by the Assembly; and
- (d) new Regulations which are recommended by the Assembly for inclusion in the new Convention,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the Conference, including the issue of invitations to States, Members of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, together with observers from such inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations as are usually present at conferences convened by IMCO.