

Having considered the Merchant Ship Search and Rescue Manual (MERSAR) prepared by the Maritime Safety Committee and communicated to all concerned (MSC/Circ.63 and 73),

Having noted that the Committee recommended Member Governments to put the Manual into effect forthwith by giving it wide distribution and encouraging vessels under their flag to adhere to it as necessary so that experience could be gained,

Having also noted with approval that the Committee has included in its long-term programme the formulation of an international agreement on a Search and Rescue System,

Decides:

- (a) to adopt the Manual, and
- (b) to endorse the Committee's recommendation for putting it into effect,

Requests the Maritime Safety Committee to:

- (a) take the necessary action for keeping the Manual up to date and amended as appropriate, and
- (b) consider in due course the status of the Manual in the context of the agreement on a Search and Rescue System.

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RESOLUTION A.230(VII)

ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME
DANGEROUS GOODS CODE

The Assembly,

Recognizing the need to improve safety of life at sea,

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

Bearing in mind the provisions of Chapter VII of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

Noting with satisfaction that all Classes of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code have now been completed and approved by the Maritime Safety Committee,

Recalling Resolutions A.81(IV) and A.120(V) by which it approved the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code and recommended its adoption,

Noting also that the Code is kept up to date by the Maritime Safety Committee through the existing amendment procedure,

Recommends that Member Governments which have not hitherto implemented the Code adopt it as the basis of their national regulations on this matter in order to ensure safe and unobstructed international transport of dangerous goods.

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RESOLUTION A.231(VII)

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ON LOAD LINES, 1966

The Assembly,

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

Recognizing the need for improvement in the texts of certain Articles and Regulations of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, and the attached Chart of Zones and Seasonal Areas in order to ensure the uniform application and interpretation of the Convention,

Noting further that Article 29 of the Convention provides for procedures for amendments involving participation by the Organization,

Having considered the particular amendments to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, forming the subject of a Recommendation by the Maritime Safety Committee at its twenty-first session in accordance with Article 29 of that Convention,

Adopts the amendments to the Convention, the texts of which are set out at Annex to this Resolution,

Requests the Secretary-General of the Organization, in accordance with Article 29(3)(b), to communicate for consideration and acceptance certified copies of this Resolution and its Annex, to all Contracting Governments to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, together with copies to all Members of the Organization,

Invites all governments concerned to accept the amendments at the earliest possible date.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON
LOAD LINES, 1966

ENGLISH TEXT	FRENCH TEXT
<i>Article 5(2)(c)</i> Replace the words "Punta Norte" by "Punta Rasa (Cabo San Antonio)".	<i>Article 5 2) c)</i> Replace the words "Punta Norte" by "Punta Rasa (Cap San Antonio)".