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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 that, by resolutions A.229(VII) and A.439(XI), it respectively adopted the Merchant Ship Search and Rescue (MERSAR) Manual and the IMO Search and Rescue (IMOSAR) Manual,

NOTING that the Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-ninth session, approved the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual, jointly prepared by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and IMO, which incorporates, *mutatis mutandis*, the MERSAR Manual and the IMOSAR Manual,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-first session,

1. ENDORSES the action taken by the Maritime Safety Committee in approving the IAMSAR Manual;
2. ADOPTS the Procedures for amending and updating the IAMSAR Manual, set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
3. INVITES ICAO to ensure that any amendments to the IAMSAR Manual are agreed with the Organization prior to their adoption;
4. REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to ensure that any proposed amendments to the IAMSAR Manual are agreed with ICAO prior to their adoption;
5. URGES Governments to use the guidelines provided in the IAMSAR Manual when establishing, developing and operating their search and rescue organizations;

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6. URGES FURTHER Governments to bring the IAMSAR Manual to the attention of all personnel who may be involved in the provision of search and rescue services;
7. RECOMMENDS Governments to ensure that all ships entitled to fly the flag of their countries carry on board a copy of Volume 3 of the IAMSAR Manual;
8. REVOKES resolutions A.229(VII), A.387(X) and A.439(XI).

ANNEX

**PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING AND UPDATING
THE INTERNATIONAL AERONAUTICAL AND MARITIME SEARCH
AND RESCUE (IAMSAR) MANUAL**

- 1 The Maritime Safety Committee should receive and evaluate, through its subsidiary bodies, proposals for amendments and/or additions to the IAMSAR Manual.
 - 2 Such proposals should be examined collectively, rather than individually when, in the Maritime Safety Committee's judgement, they are sufficient or of such importance as to warrant examination.
 - 3 Amendments adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee should become applicable twelve months after adoption. For amendments of a very urgent nature, this period may be shortened at the discretion of the Committee.
 - 4 The active participation of the appropriate specialized agencies and other bodies concerned should be sought according to the nature of the proposed amendments.
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