

Resolution A.858(20)
Adopted on 27 November 1997
(Agenda item 9)

**PROCEDURE FOR THE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF TRAFFIC SEPARATION
SCHEMES, ROUTEING MEASURES OTHER THAN TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES,
INCLUDING DESIGNATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES,
AND SHIP REPORTING SYSTEMS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 1.5(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety,

NOTING that regulations V/8 and V/8-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and rule 1(d) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, *inter alia*, recognize the Organization as the only body for establishing and adopting traffic separation schemes, routeing measures other than traffic separation schemes and ship reporting systems on an international level,

RECOGNIZING the need for an expeditious adoption and amendment procedure of the schemes, measures and systems referred to above,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the need for such a procedure to be compatible,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the need for any procedure agreed for the purpose of adoption, designation and substitution of archipelagic sea lanes to also be compatible,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-seventh session and by the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation at its forty-third session,

1. RESOLVES that the function of adopting traffic separation schemes, routeing measures other than traffic separation schemes, including designation and substitution of archipelagic sea lanes, and ship reporting systems, as well as amendments thereto, shall be performed by the Maritime Safety Committee on behalf of the Organization;

2. REVOKES resolution A.376(X), resolution A.377(X) and resolution A.826(19).