

Resolution A.792(19)

*adopted on 23 November 1995
(Agenda item 10)*

SAFETY CULTURE IN AND AROUND PASSENGER SHIPS

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,

NOTING the amendments, which were adopted by the Conference of Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, on 6 July 1995,

NOTING FURTHER the proposals for enhanced safety in all aspects of ro-ro passenger ships developed by the Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-fifth session, and that those proposals constituting amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, are expected to be considered by a Conference of Contracting Governments to that Convention in November 1995, with a view to adoption,

BEING OF THE OPINION that not all of the adopted proposals will obtain their full value unless a safety-oriented attitude is established among all persons professionally related with the operation and running of passenger ships,

BEING ALSO OF THE OPINION that the familiarization, basic safety training and instruction all seafarers should receive in accordance with regulation VI/1 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, will, after entry into force of the aforementioned amendments to that Convention, be instrumental in establishing a safety-oriented attitude among crew members,

BEING FURTHER OF THE OPINION that the introduction of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code will, likewise, be instrumental in establishing a safety-oriented attitude among shore-based personnel of shipping companies,

REALIZING, HOWEVER, that the above-mentioned instruments do not cover shore-based activities such as activities related to the duties and responsibilities of port authorities, shipbuilding and shiprepairing industries and the replenishment of ships,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-fifth session,

RECOMMENDS Governments and international organizations concerned to initiate work with the aim of establishing a safety culture in and around passenger ships under their flag addressing all persons working professionally in or in relation to such ships, irrespective of whether or not their work is covered by relevant instruments developed by the Organization.