

**RESOLUTION A.678(16)**

*Adopted on 19 October 1989  
Agenda item 15*

**AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS  
FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972**

THE ASSEMBLY,

Recalling article VI of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, on amendments to the Regulations,

HAVING CONSIDERED the amendment to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-seventh session and communicated to all Contracting Parties in accordance with paragraph 2 of article VI of that Convention and also the recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee concerning entry into force of this amendment,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with paragraph 3 of article VI of the Convention, the amendment set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. DECIDES, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article VI of the Convention, that the amendment shall enter into force on 19 April 1991 unless by 19 April 1990 more than one third of the Contracting Parties have notified their objection to the amendment;
3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with paragraph 3 of article VI, to communicate this resolution to all Contracting Parties to the Convention for acceptance, together with copies to all Members of the Organization;
4. INVITES Contracting Parties to submit any objections to the amendment not later than 19 April 1990, whereafter the amendment will be deemed to have entered into force as determined in the present resolution.

ANNEX

**AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR  
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**Rule 10 – Traffic separation schemes**

*The existing text of paragraph (d) is replaced by the following:*

- “(d)(i) A vessel shall not use an inshore traffic zone when she can safely use the appropriate traffic lane within the adjacent traffic separation scheme. However, vessels of less than 20 metres in length, sailing vessels and vessels engaged in fishing may use the inshore traffic zone.
- (ii) Notwithstanding subparagraph (d)(i), a vessel may use an inshore traffic zone when *en route* to or from a port, offshore installation or structure, pilot station or any other place situated within the inshore traffic zone, or to avoid immediate danger.”