

# RESOLUTIONS

## Resolution A.1 (I)

### APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY THE COUNCIL

The Assembly,  
*Taking note* that the Council by unanimous vote on 8 January 1959 appointed Mr Ove Nielsen of Denmark the first Secretary-General of the Organization,

*Approves* the appointment of Mr Ove Nielsen as Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.

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## Resolution A.2 (I)

### ACCEPTANCE OF DUTIES UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (1948) – REVISION OF THE REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA (1948)

The Assembly,  
*Taking note* of the functions and duties conferred upon the Organization, by the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, signed at London on 10 June 1948 and by the Regulations annexed thereto which are deemed to constitute an integral part of the Convention *and considering that* the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1948, though not an integral part of the said Convention are closely related to it;

*Noting* further that article XV of the Convention provides *inter alia*, that, when the Organization takes over the duties assigned to it, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will transmit to the Organization any documents which have been deposited or received by this Government under the Convention;

*Decides* to accept the duties and to perform the functions conferred upon the Organization by the aforesaid Convention;\*

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\* Among the duties and functions mentioned in article XV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, which are thus accepted from the United Kingdom Government, is the duty and function of communicating proposals for amending the Convention to the contracting Governments of the Convention for their consideration and acceptance. During the discussion of this subject by the Assembly of IMCO at its fifth meeting on 9 January 1959, it was noted that the Convention was to be revised in 1960 prior to the next meeting of the IMCO Assembly in 1961 and

*Further decides* to assume responsibility for the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea;

*Urges* the Maritime Safety Committee to undertake the studies contemplated in the Recommendations annexed to the Convention and to report to the Assembly through the Council on this matter at its next regular session;

*Instructs* the Secretary-General to take over the duties and functions pertaining to a secretariat which have been carried out so far by the Government of the United Kingdom under the provisions of article XV of the Convention and to receive all relevant documents which this Government will transmit to the Organization in this respect, including those appertaining to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

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## Resolution A.3 (I)

### ACCEPTANCE OF DUTIES IN CONNEXION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS

The Assembly,  
*Having considered* the recommendation of the International Radio Conference of Atlantic City (1947) to the International Code of Signals Committee, that the Committee should affiliate with IMCO upon its establishment;

*Considering* that the Code of Signals is likely to remain of interest only to mariners;

*Decides* therefore that the Organization shall assume all the functions now being performed by the International Code of Signals Committee and

*Requests* the Maritime Safety Committee to assume the duties of providing the necessary machinery in accordance with article 29 (b).

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that many of the States attending the international conference to be convened in 1960 to revise the Convention would not be members of IMCO. Consequently, if IMCO were called upon to examine before 1960 any such proposals for amending the Convention, it was appropriate that the conclusions of IMCO concerning such proposals should be communicated only to IMCO members, and not to contracting Governments of the Convention who were not currently members of IMCO.