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RESOLUTION A.493(XII)

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USE OF THE TERM "GROSS TONNAGE" IN LIEU OF "TONS GROSS TONNAGE"

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 16(1) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,

NOTING that the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, will come into force on 18 July 1982,

NOTING FURTHER that the tonnage determined under that Convention has no unit and is expressed in the International Tonnage Certificate (1969) as "gross tonnage" and "net tonnage" in contrast to the present tonnage measurement systems in which the unit of "gross tonnage" and "net tonnage" is expressed in terms of "ton" which is equal to a volume of 2.83 cubic metres (100 cubic feet),

RECALLING ALSO that the term "tons gross tonnage" is used as a tonnage parameter throughout IMCO conventions, codes and other documents,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-fourth session,

1 RESOLVES that the term "tons gross tonnage" used in IMCO conventions, codes and other documents shall be considered as having the same meaning as "gross tonnage" determined under the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969;

2 REQUESTS the appropriate bodies of IMCO to consider when appropriate the replacement of the term "tons gross tonnage" used in IMCO conventions, codes and other documents by "gross tonnage" which should encompass the gross tonnages determined by the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, and by existing national tonnage measurement regulations.