

ANNEX 18

**RESOLUTION MSC.76(69)
(adopted on 14 May 1998)**

**EXTENDED APPLICATION OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE SOLAS
REGULATIONS ON SUBDIVISION AND DAMAGE STABILITY OF CARGO
SHIPS OF 100 METRES IN LENGTH AND OVER (RESOLUTION A.684(17))**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.684(17) on Explanatory notes to the SOLAS regulations on subdivision and damage stability of cargo ships of 100 m in length and over (Explanatory Notes) and that the Committee, in adopting the regulations contained in SOLAS chapter II-1 part B-1, invited Administrations to note that the regulations should be applied in conjunction with the aforementioned Explanatory Notes which were adopted by the Organization in order to ensure uniform application of the SOLAS regulations,

NOTING resolution MSC.47(66), by which the Committee, at its sixty-sixth session, adopted amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1 part B-1, concerning damage stability requirements for cargo ships of 80 m and over but not exceeding 100 m in length, which are due to enter into force on 1 July 1998,

RECOGNIZING that, when the above amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1 part B-1 enter into force, there will be a need for explanatory notes applicable to cargo ships of 80 m and over but less than 100 m in length,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its sixty-ninth session, the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety, at its forty-first session,

1. RESOLVES that the Explanatory Notes adopted by resolution A.684(17) should also apply to cargo ships of 80 m and over but less than 100 m in length;
2. INVITES Governments to apply the present resolution when implementing the regulations on subdivision and damage stability for such cargo ships, contained in the amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1 part B-1 adopted by resolution MSC.47(66).
