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**RECOMMENDATION ON THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF
PASSENGER SHIPS TO RESPOND TO ELDERLY AND
DISABLED PERSONS' NEEDS**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-sixth session (28 May to 6 June 1996), noted that the Assembly, at its eighteenth session, bearing in mind that the training of personnel assigned to specified duties in case of an emergency in high-density passenger ships or ferries engaged in short international voyage is essential, adopted resolution A.770(18) on Minimum training requirements for personnel nominated to assist passengers in emergency situations on passenger ships.

2 The Committee, being conscious of the special attention that should be given to elderly and disabled persons in the contingency plans for a passenger ship and that crew training in the provision of attention to such passengers is a primary and indispensable element in emergency situations on board passenger ships, approved the Recommendation on the design and operation of passenger ships to respond to elderly and disabled persons' needs developed by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment, as set out in the annex.

3 The Committee invited Member Governments to bring the aforementioned Recommendation to the attention of ship designers, shipowners and operators of passenger ships under their flag for action as appropriate.
