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## **RESOLUTION 5**

### **RECOMMENDATION ON LOADING INSTRUMENTS**

THE CONFERENCE,

HAVING ADOPTED amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended, concerning the safety of bulk carriers,

NOTING that, in accordance with new SOLAS regulation XII/11, all bulk carriers of 150 m in length and upwards, as defined in regulation IX/1.6 of the Convention, are required to be fitted with a loading instrument capable of providing information on hull girder shear forces and bending moments, taking into account the recommendations adopted by the Organization,

BEING OF THE OPINION that the loading instrument is a necessary tool to more efficiently ensure that hull girder shear forces and bending moments are kept within permissible limits during and at the conclusion of loading and discharging operations,

BEING AWARE that the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) has adopted Recommendation No. 48 on loading instruments, which is intended to be used by IACS member societies in conjunction with their requirements and procedures when approving, for their own purposes, loading instruments for ships not yet fitted with an approved loading instrument,

URGES Contracting Governments to:

- (a) apply the above-mentioned IACS recommendation when approving loading instruments, as required by SOLAS regulation XII/11 for ships not yet fitted with an approved loading instrument; and
- (b) ensure that loading instruments already fitted on ships to which SOLAS regulation XII/11 applies have been approved in accordance with the standards of the recognized organizations.