Resolution adopted by the 39th CMI Conference

on the UNCITRAL Draft Convention on Contracts for

the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea

in Athens 17 October 2008

The 39th Conference of the Comité Maritime International,

Believing that the UNCITRAL Draft Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea generally achieves a fair balance among the various interests in the shipping industry, even though some delegates consider that it contains provisions that they do not find wholly satisfactory; and

Recognizing that the Draft Convention offers a unique opportunity to unify and update maritime law and practice on a global basis,

Adopts the Report on the UNCITRAL program; and

Endorses the UNCITRAL Draft Convention.