

RESOLUTION A.585(14)

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Agenda item 12*

**PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN PORTS FOR THE
RECEPTION OF OILY WASTES FROM SHIPS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations concerning the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING ALSO that regulations 10(7) and 12 of Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), establish the latest dates by which States Parties to MARPOL 73/78 undertake to ensure that reception facilities for oily residues and mixtures are provided in loading terminals, repair ports and other ports of Parties,

CONSCIOUS that the provision of facilities in ports for the reception of oily wastes from ships is vital to the effective implementation of MARPOL 73/78,

NOTING that a number of communications have been received by the Organization concerning the inadequacy or lack of reception facilities in ports,

NOTING FURTHER the outcome of recent initiatives at the regional* level,

NOTING ALSO that oil tankers and tank barges are being utilized for the reception of oily wastes and mixtures as an immediate measure as a complement to shore reception facilities, or as an alternative means of providing such facilities, on the grounds of technical and economic viability,

1. URGES member Governments and States Parties to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), to review the adequacy of existing reception facilities and, where appropriate, to give the concept of floating reception facilities their serious consideration and evaluation;
2. INVITES Member Governments to submit information to the Marine Environment Protection Committee on the operation and use of floating reception facilities in order that their effectiveness may be reviewed and so that others may benefit from the experience gained;
3. FURTHER INVITES the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Maritime Safety Committee to consider whether the present safety and pollution prevention standards applicable to ships and oil tankers, when converted to floating reception facilities, are adequate.

* The recommendation of the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related Protocols which took place in Genoa in September 1985 on the creation of floating reception facilities in the Mediterranean area (MEPC 22/8/1, annex).