

RESOLUTION A.449(XI)

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**IMPROVED METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 16 of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

CONSIDERING that the objectives of IMCO will be promoted by the speedy acceptance of the conventions and other instruments adopted by or under the auspices of the Organization and the widest possible implementation of the standards and regulations embodied in those instruments,

RECALLING its previous resolutions urging Governments to ratify, approve, accept or accede to those conventions and instruments and to implement their provisions as soon as possible,

RECALLING FURTHER its requests and authorizations to the Secretary-General to provide all necessary information, advice and assistance to Governments in order to assist them, where appropriate, in the consideration, acceptance and implementation of the conventions and instruments,

CONVINCED that the efforts of Governments and the Secretary-General will be assisted by improved methods and procedures of communication designed *inter alia* to expedite the exchange of information and documentation between Member Governments and the Secretary-General,

RECALLING Article 35 of the IMCO Convention concerning communications between the Secretary-General and Member Governments,

CONSIDERING that the exchange of communication between Member Governments and the Secretary-General will be considerably facilitated by the existence of a clearly-identified focal point for the receipt and despatch of such communication,

RECOGNIZING that the establishment of such a focal point and its nature and functions must in each case be determined by the Member Government concerned in the light of applicable constitutional or administrative requirements,

1. INVITES each Member Government, subject to its laws and procedures, to consider establishing and designating an appropriate national authority to serve as the focal point for communication with the Secretary-General;
2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General forthwith to communicate the text of the present resolution to all Member Governments and to invite them to inform him of any decisions or measures taken in response to the invitation of the Assembly;
3. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to circulate to Member Governments any responses or information received from Governments under paragraph 2 above and to report to the Assembly at its twelfth regular session on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.