

**RESOLUTION A.445(XI)**

*Adopted on 15 November 1979*

*Agenda item 11*

**OIL DISCHARGE MONITORING AND CONTROL SYSTEMS  
FOR OIL TANKERS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING resolution A.297(VIII) by which it established the Marine Environment Protection Committee and specified the functions and responsibilities of that Committee,

RECALLING that Regulations 9 and 15 of Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, require all tankers of 150 tons gross tonnage and above to have in operation an oil discharge monitoring and control system approved by the Administration,

RECALLING ALSO that by resolution A.393(X) it adopted a test specification for oil content meters,

RECOGNIZING that monitoring equipment meeting the test specification contained in resolution A.393(X) is now available on the market,

REALIZING that an oil discharge monitoring and control system is a complex system requiring extensive experience, training and motivation before fully operational systems meeting the requirements in Regulations 9 and 15 can be put into operation,

REALIZING ALSO that it takes time for the shipping industry to develop this experience and level of knowledge and that therefore an early and gradual application of the system requirements on a voluntary basis is the most effective way of achieving the above-mentioned objective,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its eleventh session,

1. URGES Governments to encourage shipowners and tanker operators within their jurisdiction to commence, as soon as possible, the installation of oil discharge monitoring and control systems, having in mind the need to develop well proven systems and operating techniques in time for the entry into force of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the 1978 Protocol relating thereto;
2. INVITES the Marine Environment Protection Committee to develop guidelines for the progressive installation of oil discharge monitoring and control systems for new and existing oil tankers.