

RESOLUTION A.502(XII)

*Adopted on 20 November 1981
Agenda item 12(b)*

IMCO'S TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING the special importance of IMCO's technical co-operation programme in assisting developing countries to achieve the highest practicable standards of maritime safety and prevention and control of marine pollution in accordance with the conventions and other international instruments developed in the Organization,

RECALLING WITH GRATITUDE the generous contributions in support of the Organization's technical co-operation programme which have been provided by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and Member Governments through bilateral and multilateral contributions and funds-in-trust arrangements,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION the very substantial contributions of IMCO Member Governments to the resources of UNDP, from which IMCO's technical co-operation programme has derived considerable assistance,

NOTING WITH GRATITUDE the hospitality, facilities, financial contributions and expert services provided by many Member Governments for the seminars, symposia and training courses organized by the Organization, as well as the generous facilities and other support provided by Member Governments for IMCO's regional advisers,

DEEPLY APPRECIATING the outstanding leadership of the Secretary-General in initiating, promoting and organizing such a wide variety of activities and programmes in the field of technical co-operation for the benefit of developing countries,

1. INVITES the Secretary-General to continue his tireless efforts to promote and expand the Organization's technical co-operation programme with a view to continuing and enhancing assistance to developing countries in implementing the standards embodied in IMCO's conventions and recommendations;
2. REQUESTS UNDP to maintain and increase its generous assistance and support to IMCO's technical co-operation programme, in particular funds to support advisory services with a view to providing high level advisers and consultants in various disciplines who can carry out in-depth studies and help developing countries to implement various IMCO conventions;
3. STRONGLY URGES all Member Governments to ensure that their national authorities responsible for direct liaison with UNDP are made fully aware of the importance of IMCO's technical co-operation programme and are adequately informed of the indispensable role being played by regional, inter-regional and sectoral advisers and by national, regional and global training schemes in the successful operation of that programme;
4. FURTHER URGES Member Governments to request and authorize their representatives to regional and global meetings of UNDP to lend the necessary support for the provision of funds for IMCO's technical co-operation activities;
5. INVITES Member Governments of developed countries to continue their generous support to the Organization's technical co-operation programme through the provision of financial and other resources and technical expertise, where appropriate;

6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report, as appropriate, to the Council and to the Committee on Technical Co-operation on the developments relating to the Organization's technical co-operation programme.

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII OF THE CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965

THE ASSEMBLY,

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

RECALLING ALSO that the amendment to Article VII of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, was adopted eight years ago on 19 November 1973 and is not yet in force,

RECALLING FURTHER that the Assembly itself has on several occasions adopted resolutions inviting Governments, Contracting Parties to the 1965 Facilitation Convention, to use their best endeavours to obtain acceptance of the amended text of Article VII thereof,

APPRECIATING that the Secretary-General has done everything possible to impress upon Governments, Contracting Parties to the Convention, the importance of bringing the amended text of Article VII into force,

BEING CONCERNED that this long outstanding matter could begin to reflect on IMCO,

POINTING OUT that the bringing into force of the amendment procedure contained in the amended Article VII will not make the provisions of the Annex to the Convention mandatory for Governments, Contracting Parties thereto, as, under its Article VIII, they may notify the Secretary-General of any difference between their national requirements and practices and the Standards (and Recommended Practices) contained in that Annex,

NOTING the deep concern of Member Governments, as consistently expressed in the reports of the Facilitation Committee, to improve international co-operation, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, in the formulation and application of measures for the facilitation of maritime traffic from which all shipping interests stand to benefit,

RECOGNIZING WITH CONCERN that much of the work of the Facilitation Committee is seriously inhibited by the great difficulty, bordering on impossibility, of implementing widely accepted proposals to modernize the provisions of the Convention, under the present amendment procedures,

BEARING IN MIND that the prerequisite for bringing into force the amended Article VII is written acceptance by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments and that, as at 20 November 1981, only five more acceptances are needed,

INVITES all Governments, Contracting Parties to the Convention, which have not accepted the amended text of Article VII thereof, to declare their intentions in this respect.