

RESOLUTION A.150(ES.IV)

RESEARCH AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
ON METHODS FOR DISPOSAL OF OIL
IN CASES OF SIGNIFICANT SPILLAGES

The Assembly,

Having in mind Resolutions 12 and 13 of the International Conference on the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1962,

Noting with concern the limited extent of present knowledge with respect to the rapid, safe and efficient disposal of oil in cases of significant spillages especially in the open sea,

Invites governments, as a matter of urgency, to encourage research on those matters and, in particular, on

- (a) methods for the mechanical removal of the oil from the sea;
- (b) agents for absorbing or precipitating the oil;
- (c) construction and use of booms;
- (d) emulsifiers and other chemical products,

Recommends to governments that the results of such studies be made available to the Organization for circulation to governments.

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Agenda item 4

RESOLUTION A.151(ES.IV)

DETECTION OF OFFENCES AGAINST AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF
POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954

The Assembly,

Having in mind Article X of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954,

For the purpose of facilitating the detection of offences and the enforcement of the Convention,

Invites governments to co-operate in the detection of offences and the enforcement of the provisions of the Convention by encouraging aircraft and ships to report and, where practicable, to photograph ships seen to be discharging oil at sea,

Further invites governments to investigate a ship of another Convention country when it enters their ports, if a report is received from any government that the ship has discharged oil at sea or otherwise contravened the Convention, and to send the report of such investigation to the government first reporting the offence and to the government responsible for the ship so that appropriate action may be taken under Article X of the Convention. All possible efforts must be made to avoid the ship being unduly delayed through such investigation,