

*Instructs* the Secretary-General to take all possible steps to secure payment of arrears of contributions,

*Resolves* that

1. The Working Capital Fund shall continue to be established for the financial period 1972/73 in the amount of \$150,000.
2. The advances assessed upon Members for the financial period 1970/71 will remain unchanged for the financial period 1972/73.
3. The Secretary-General is authorized:
  - (a) to advance from the Working Capital Fund such sums as may be necessary to finance the appropriations for the years 1972/73 pending receipt of contributions from Members; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed to the Working Capital Fund as soon as contributions are available;
  - (b) with the prior concurrence of the Council, to advance such sums as may be necessary to meet unforeseen or extraordinary expenses arising during the financial period 1972/73, provided that such expenses are of a clearly exceptional nature and shall relate specifically to the approved work programme of the Organization and that the Council is assured that the relevant expenditures cannot be met by appropriate transfer action within the total budget approved for a calendar year.
4. The Secretary-General shall report to the Assembly all advances made under the present Resolution and the circumstances relating thereto and shall submit supplementary estimates for reimbursement to the Working Capital Fund of advances made therefrom to meet unforeseen or extraordinary expenses.

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RESOLUTION A.241(VII)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION, 1973

The Assembly,

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

*Recalling* its Resolution A.176(VI) by which it decided to convene in 1973, an international conference on marine pollution for the purpose of preparing a suitable international agreement for placing restraints on the contamination of the sea, land and air by ships, vessels and other equipment operating in the marine environment and called upon the Maritime Safety Committee to proceed with its work on marine pollution with all possible speed in co-ordination with other interested organizations,

*Noting further* its Resolution A.237(VII) by which it decided that the 1973 Conference shall have as its main objective the achievement by 1975 if possible but certainly by the end of the decade, of the complete elimination of the wilful and intentional pollution of the seas by oil and noxious substances other than oil and the minimization of accidental spills,

*Endorses* the decisions taken by the Council at its twenty-sixth session, concerning the subject matter for the Conference and other matters relating to the prevention of marine pollution (MSC XXIV/3/1), and the Reports of the Maritime Safety Committee with respect to the preparatory work now in progress,

*Recognizing* the imperative need to achieve this objective and the need for policy directives if the preparatory work on marine pollution is to be successful in meeting the objectives which are inherent in its decision to hold the Conference,

*Reaffirms* its decision to convene such Conference and to provide the means therefor,

*Requests* Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Legal Committee to proceed as a matter of urgency with the necessary preparations,

*Authorizes* Council, in the light of further progress made in the preparatory work within the Organization and also developments in the United Nations system, to provide appropriate policy directives and make such modifications to the subject matter of the Conference as it may consider necessary and to fix the precise date of the Conference to be convened in 1973,

*Invites* the Secretary-General to make all the requisite arrangements for the Conference including the issue of invitations to States, Members of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice together with Observers from such governmental and non-governmental organizations as are normally present at Conferences convened by IMCO.

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RESOLUTION A.242(VII)

PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE  
ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT  
(STOCKHOLM, 5-16 JUNE 1972)

The Assembly,

*Noting* Article 16(h) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

*Recalling* United Nations Resolution 2398 (XXIII) by which the General Assembly decided to convene, in 1972, a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

*Having noted* United Nations Resolution 2581 (XXIV) by which the General Assembly decided that the Conference should be held in Sweden in June 1972 and invited, *inter alia*, the Specialized Agencies and the IAEA to collaborate closely with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the preparations for the Conference and to assist, as appropriate, in the work of the Preparatory Committee,

*Noting* in this connexion the action taken by the Secretary-General of IMCO to provide such collaboration,