

RESOLUTION A.349(IX)

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Agenda item 8*

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF MARINE POLLUTION

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 17 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 and Resolution 22 of the International Conference on Marine Pollution, 1973 concerning the promotion of technical co-operation in order to further the aims and purposes of that Convention,

RECALLING Resolution A.140(V) adopted on 26 October 1967 concerning the participation of the Organization in the United Nations Development Programme,

RECOGNIZING the increased importance of the activities of the Organization in the field of technical assistance on maritime transport in general and on marine pollution from ships in particular,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that the technical assistance programmes of the Organization have expanded significantly in recent years,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION the steps taken by the Secretary-General to implement Resolution A.140(V), in particular to strengthen the Secretariat of the Organization so as to respond more effectively to the increasing need for assistance to developing countries,

NOTING ALSO that expertise in the field of marine pollution control is available among the Member States of the Organization which could individually or collectively consult with governments seeking technical advice,

NOTING FURTHER that at the fourth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee a considerable time was devoted to the discussion of technical assistance problems in the field of marine pollution, which discerned a number of acute problems faced by developing countries in relation to the prevention, abatement and mitigation of marine pollution,

RECOGNIZING the increasing urgency expressed by developing countries, in particular for technical advice and assistance on marine pollution, both at national and regional levels,

AFFIRMS the desirability of continuing to enhance the activity of the Organization, within the limits of its resources and budget, in the field of technical assistance on marine pollution, such activity being pursued by:

- (a) the implementation of national and regional technical assistance programmes with financial support by the United Nations Development Programme and, as appropriate, by the United Nations Environment Programme;
- (b) the utilization by States seeking advice, of the expertise available among the Member States of the Organization; and
- (c) the consultation among governments within the relevant organs of the Organization in order to study the ways and means of promoting technical co-operation,

REQUESTS the Council, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, the Committee on Technical Co-operation, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General to take all possible steps to further this objective.