

RESOLUTION A.628(15)

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Agenda item 16*

**APPLICATION OF AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING (ADP) AS
PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965, AS AMENDED**

THE ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED the general purpose of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended, and in particular article III thereof,

BEING OF THE OPINION that public authorities should examine, in consultation with all interested parties, the additional advantages which can be derived from the use of automated methods of information handling and transmission,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT technological developments subsequent to the adoption of the Convention,

NOTING the provisions of Standard 2.15 of Section 2.G of the Annex to the Convention:

“Public authorities shall accept information conveyed by any legible and understandable medium, including documents handwritten in ink or indelible pencil or produced by automatic data processing techniques”,

CONSIDERING that the ways of applying this provision to the other provisions of the Convention need further clarification,

1. RECOMMENDS that, in applying Standard 2.15:

- (a) the introduction of methods to convey information by the use of non-paper media, should be supported and encouraged;
- (b) where paper documents are required, the presentation of data in any automated data processing (ADP) output should follow the layout of the Standardized IMO Model FAL Forms; and
- (c) any substantial deviation from that layout should require prior agreement between the parties concerned;

2. FURTHER DECIDES that the present resolution should be appended to the publication containing the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended;

3. REVOKES resolution A.452(XI).