

**RESOLUTION A.441(XI)**

*Adopted on 15 November 1979*

*Agenda item 10(b)*

**CONTROL BY THE FLAG STATE OVER THE OWNER OF A SHIP**

THE ASSEMBLY,

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

RECOGNIZING that in certain circumstances the registered owner of a ship may contract or otherwise entrust to another person the discharge of his responsibilities for the ship in respect of matters relating to maritime safety and the protection of the marine environment,

BEING AWARE of the difficulty which in some instances may be encountered in identifying that person,

DESIRING to enhance the ability of the State to exercise control over the owner of a ship flying its flag or over the person contracted or otherwise entrusted by the owner of such ship to discharge his responsibilities in these matters,

BELIEVING that maritime safety and the protection of the marine environment may be considerably enhanced if the State is in a position to identify and contact the person who discharges such responsibilities for a ship flying its flag,

INVITES every State to take necessary steps to ensure that the owner of a ship which flies the flag of that State provides such State with the current information necessary to enable it to identify and contact the person contracted or otherwise entrusted by the owner to discharge his responsibilities for that ship in regard to matters relating to maritime safety and the protection of the marine environment.