

Being informed of the work carried out by the Preparatory Committee particularly with reference to the development of action proposals for the prevention and control of marine pollution,

Having considered the relationship between those action proposals and the recommendations of the IMCO Council and the Maritime Safety Committee relative to the subject matter for the IMCO Conference on Marine Pollution in 1973,

Endorses the action taken by the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General in implementation of UN Resolution 2581 (XXIV),

Requests the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General:

- (a) to continue to participate fully in the preparatory work for the UN Conference on the Human Environment;
- (b) to implement any decisions of that Conference entrusting responsibilities to IMCO, including functions in respect of the control of the dumping of shore-generated waste by ships or other craft operating in the marine environment.

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RESOLUTION A.243(VII)

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON OCEAN DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS (ODAS)

The Assembly,

Taking note of the Council Resolution C.51(XXII) by which IMCO joined other interested agencies in supporting the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, in particular with regard to the formulation and co-ordination of the expanded programme of international co-operation in oceanic research, as called for in United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 2172 (XXI) and 2414 (XXIII),

Being aware of the great importance in promoting the understanding of the ocean through the use of ODAS, thus contributing indirectly to the safety of navigation,

Being aware further of the need for international agreement in the deployment of ODAS, to the mutual advantage of all the users of the marine environment,

Recalling its Resolution A.50(III) on marking of oceanographic stations,

Decides to endorse the proposed arrangements for convening jointly with UNESCO the meeting of Governmental Experts on the legal status of ODAS,

Decides further that the Organization shall co-operate with UNESCO in convening the Diplomatic Conference on Ocean Data Acquisition Systems, and

Authorizes the Secretary-General to take necessary action to this effect.

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RESOLUTION A.244(VII)

CO-OPERATION WITH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION

The Assembly,

Noting with satisfaction the action taken by Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General in the implementation of United Nations General Assembly Resolutions :

- 2172 (XXI) - Resources of the Sea;
- 2414 (XXIII) - International Co-operation in Questions Relating to the Oceans;
- 2467 (XXIII) - Part D, relating to the development of the long-term programme of oceanic exploration and research;
- 2560 (XXIV) - Marine Science, with particular reference to the establishment of the Inter-secretariat Committee on Scientific Programmes Relating to Oceanography (ICSPRO),

Being informed of the recommendations of the twelfth meeting of the IOC Bureau with the Consultative Council, in particular, Recommendation 12.5 concerning the establishment of the Global Investigation of Pollution in the Marine Environment (GIPME) as a major exercise in the Long-Term and Expanded Programme of Oceanographic Research (LEPOR),

Recognizing the advantages of full and effective co-operation among all organizations concerned in problems relating to the oceans,

Endorses the action taken by Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General to ensure the fullest possible co-operation with the IOC and the specialized agencies concerned in the development of LEPOR,

Requests Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General:

- (a) to continue to co-operate with ICSPRO organizations in the future development of LEPOR, in particular of GIPME and other activities in the field of marine pollution, and
- (b) to continue to provide any necessary support, within the limitations of the budget, to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission for the implementation of programmes of interest to IMCO.

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