

RESOLUTION A.587(14)

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Agenda item 12*

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMBATING MAJOR INCIDENTS
OR THREATS OF MARINE POLLUTION**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations concerning the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.349(IX) affirming the desirability of continuing to enhance the activity of IMO, within the limits of its resources and budget, for providing technical assistance in the field of marine pollution and requesting *inter alia* the Marine Environment Protection Committee to take all possible steps to further this objective,

RECOGNIZING the roles of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the protection of the marine environment and their long-standing co-operation with the Organization in this area,

RECOGNIZING ALSO that bilateral and multilateral arrangements are a valuable and economical way of supplementing national arrangements in the effective combating of major spillages of oil or noxious substances,

RECALLING FURTHER resolution A.448(XI) urging Governments to develop or improve national contingency arrangements to the extent feasible and to develop, as appropriate, joint contingency arrangements at a regional, subregional or sectoral level or on a bilateral basis, if they have not already done so, and requesting the Council, the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Secretary-General to take all possible steps to develop and pursue programmes which would assist in promoting regional antipollution arrangements,

NOTING with appreciation that IMO has, in co-operation with UNEP and relevant regional organizations, developed and supported the adoption and implementation of regional agreements and arrangements on co-operation in combating pollution of the sea in cases of emergency,

1. INVITES the Secretary-General, in co-operation with UNEP, UNDP and other organizations concerned, as appropriate, to undertake on a priority basis an evaluation of the problems of countries faced with the threat of major marine pollution from spillages of oil and other hazardous substances, taking into consideration the roles of the respective organizations in dealing with these problems;
2. REQUESTS the Marine Environment Protection Committee on the basis of this evaluation to take steps and to make recommendations, as appropriate and as soon as possible;
3. REQUESTS FURTHER the Council and the Secretary-General to take all possible steps to implement these recommendations and to report to the Assembly at its fifteenth session.