

RESOLUTION A.150(ES.IV)

RESEARCH AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION  
ON METHODS FOR DISPOSAL OF OIL  
IN CASES OF SIGNIFICANT SPILLAGES

The Assembly,

*Having in mind* Resolutions 12 and 13 of the International Conference on the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1962,

*Noting* with concern the limited extent of present knowledge with respect to the rapid, safe and efficient disposal of oil in cases of significant spillages especially in the open sea,

*Invites* governments, as a matter of urgency, to encourage research on those matters and, in particular, on

- (a) methods for the mechanical removal of the oil from the sea;
- (b) agents for absorbing or precipitating the oil;
- (c) construction and use of booms;
- (d) emulsifiers and other chemical products,

*Recommends* to governments that the results of such studies be made available to the Organization for circulation to governments.

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RESOLUTION A.151(ES.IV)

DETECTION OF OFFENCES AGAINST AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF  
POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954

The Assembly,

*Having in mind* Article X of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954,

*For the purpose* of facilitating the detection of offences and the enforcement of the Convention,

*Invites* governments to co-operate in the detection of offences and the enforcement of the provisions of the Convention by encouraging aircraft and ships to report and, where practicable, to photograph ships seen to be discharging oil at sea,

*Further invites* governments to investigate a ship of another Convention country when it enters their ports, if a report is received from any government that the ship has discharged oil at sea or otherwise contravened the Convention, and to send the report of such investigation to the government first reporting the offence and to the government responsible for the ship so that appropriate action may be taken under Article X of the Convention. All possible efforts must be made to avoid the ship being unduly delayed through such investigation,

*Invites* the Maritime Safety Committee, in liaison, if need be, with the Legal Committee, to take the necessary steps to ensure that proposals for amending the Convention in this particular connexion be prepared in sufficient time to permit of their consideration by the Assembly at its next regular session.

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RESOLUTION A.152(ES.IV)

DISCHARGE OF OILY MIXTURES RESULTING FROM  
TANK CLEANING AND BALLASTING INTO THE SEA

The Assembly,

*Having in mind* Article III of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954,

*Recalling* Resolution 8 of the International Conference on Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1962, regarding the development and installation of efficient oily-water separators for use in ships,

*Recommends* to governments that encouragement be given to the development and use of any possible operational system or devices whereby oily mixtures resulting from tank cleaning or ballasting are not discharged into the sea.

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RESOLUTION A.153(ES.IV)

PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF OIL  
INTO THE SEA

The Assembly,

*Having in mind* Article VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954,

*For the purpose* of discouraging unlawful discharges of oil,

*Recommends* to governments:

- (a) to review as soon as possible the penalties which may be imposed under the laws of their respective territories in respect of unlawful discharge of oil outside the territorial sea in order to ensure that the penalties are adequate in severity to discourage such discharges, as provided in Article VI of the Convention;
- (b) to communicate to the Organization the results of such a review together with details of the penalties which may be imposed;