

RESOLUTION A.348(IX)

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Agenda item 8*

**PROVISION OF RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR OIL RESIDUES AND WASTES
UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION
OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973**

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING the provisions of Annex I to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 regarding reception facilities for oil residues and wastes in ports and loading terminals,

NOTING IN PARTICULAR Regulations 10 and 12 of that Annex under which Governments Parties to the Convention undertake to provide the prescribed reception facilities in ports and loading terminals within specified time limits that is to say, in the "special areas" of the Mediterranean Sea, the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea, not later than 1 January 1977; in the special areas of the Red Sea and the Gulfs area, as soon as possible; and in all other areas not later than one year from the date of entry into force of the Convention or by 1 January 1977, whichever occurs later,

RECOGNIZING the possibility that the Convention may not enter into force before 1 January 1977,

BELIEVING nevertheless that the provision of the prescribed reception facilities in ports and loading terminals, especially those in the Mediterranean Sea, Baltic Sea and Black Sea "special areas", by 1 January 1977 as stipulated in the Convention, is essential for the full and speedy achievement of the objectives of the Convention,

CONSIDERING that the International Conference on Marine Pollution, 1973, in adopting the texts of Regulations 10 and 12 of Annex I to the Convention, accepted 1 January 1977 as an appropriate and feasible date for implementing the provisions on reception facilities and accordingly governments represented at the Conference agreed to take measures to meet that target date,

URGES governments to take, as soon as possible, all necessary measures within the spirit of the Convention, to ensure at oil loading terminals, repair ports, and at other ports in which ships have oil residues to discharge, the provision of facilities for the reception of such residues and oily mixtures as remain from oil tankers and other ships adequate to meet the needs of the ships using them without causing undue delay to ships and in the case of the Mediterranean Sea, Baltic Sea and Black Sea "special areas", not later than 1 January 1977 as stipulated in Regulation 10 of Annex I to the Convention,

INVITES the Marine Environment Protection Committee, the Secretary-General, governments and interested organizations to provide all necessary advice and assistance to governments which require such advice and assistance in order to meet the requirements of the Convention.