

**RESOLUTION A.452(XI)**

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Agenda item 12(c)*

**APPLICATION OF AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING (ADP)  
AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965**

THE ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED the general purpose of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, and in particular Article III thereof,

BEING OF THE OPINION that public authorities should examine, in consultation with all interested parties, the additional advantages which can be derived from the use of automated methods of information handling and transmission,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT technological development subsequent to the adoption of the Convention,

IN RECOGNITION of the fact that in the Economic Commission for Europe and the International Organization for Standardization the term "document" has been defined as "data carrier with data entries",

NOTING the adoption by a Conference of Governments, Contracting Parties to the Convention, of the following addition to Standard 2.15 of Section 2G of the Annex to the Convention:

"Documents produced by electronic and other automatic data processing techniques, in legible and understandable form, shall be accepted",

CONSIDERING that the ways of applying this new provision to the other provisions of the Convention need further clarification,

1. RECOMMENDS that, in applying Standard 2.15:
  - (a) The possibility of accepting, for certain documents, non-paper media, subject to prior agreement (including the method of authentication) between the parties concerned, should be explored;
  - (b) The presentation of data in any automatic data processing (ADP output) document should follow the layout of the Standardized Model Forms;
  - (c) Any substantial deviation from that layout should require prior agreement between the parties concerned;
2. FURTHER RECOMMENDS that the present resolution should be appended to the publication containing the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965.