

RESOLUTION A.532(13)

Revoked by resolution [A.958\(23\)](#)

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Agenda item 10(b)*

COLLECTING AND FORWARDING OF HYDROGRAPHIC DATA

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 16(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations concerning maritime safety and marine pollution,

RECALLING FURTHER resolution A.419(XI) by which it adopted the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service,

BEARING IN MIND the provisions of regulations 2, 14 and 20 of chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974,

RECOGNIZING the close relationship between the safety of navigation and the prevention of pollution from ships,

RECALLING that by its resolution 5 the International Conference on Marine Pollution, 1973, recommended that the Organization continue its work on the development of measures for the minimization of accidental spillages,

NOTING that the collection and dissemination of accurate and up-to-date hydrographic information is vital to safe navigation,

APPRECIATING that in many parts of the world waters which have to be navigated by international shipping have not yet been surveyed to modern hydrographic survey standards or are not regularly surveyed by an established hydrographic service,

REALIZING that port, river, canal, dredging, aids to navigation and other authorities, including regional and local authorities, obtain and receive hydrographic information which could be used to update navigational charts issued by charting authorities,

1. RECOMMENDS Governments to take all necessary measures to arrange for or encourage the prompt transmission of new hydrographic information to the International Hydrographic Bureau or to the hydrographic authorities in those countries which issue charts covering waters off their shores and otherwise ensure the earliest and widest dissemination of hydrographic information following where appropriate the procedures recommended in resolution A.419(XI);
2. INVITES Governments to:
 - (a) conduct hydrographic surveys to modern hydrographic standards;
 - (b) co-operate with other Governments having little or no hydrographic capabilities as appropriate in the collection and dissemination of hydrographic data;
 - (c) promote in consultation with, and with the assistance of, the Organization and the International Hydrographic Organization support for a Government which may request technical assistance in hydrographic matters.