

RESOLUTION A.155(ES.IV)

PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL
OUTSIDE THE PROHIBITED ZONES

The Assembly,

Noting that the Sub-Committee on Marine Pollution of the Maritime Safety Committee, in accordance with paragraph 13 of the decision of the Council recorded in C/ES.III/5 reproduced at Annex, is considering how the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, can be made more effective,

Noting also that arrangements and facilities have been developed which should normally enable ships either to discharge oil or oily mixtures into port reception facilities or, except in very small quantities, to retain them on board,

Requests the Maritime Safety Committee to arrange for the work of the Sub-Committee on Marine Pollution in this matter to be pursued as a matter of urgency and to ensure that amendments to the Convention, and particularly those to strengthen the provisions of Article III of the Convention in respect of prohibiting the discharge of oil, are proposed in time for consideration by the Assembly at its next regular session,

Recommends strongly that in the meantime governments should take all possible steps to ensure that shipowners and charterers make full use of the facilities and arrangements already mentioned which can enable the discharge of oil and oily mixtures into the sea outside the prohibited zones to be reduced to a low level.

ANNEX

Whether the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, as amended, requires amendment as regards detection of deliberate pollution and the enforcement of penalties therefor.

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RECOMMENDATION ON THE CARRIAGE OF
ELECTRONIC POSITION-FIXING EQUIPMENT

The Assembly,

Noting Article 16(i) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

Considering the grave consequences of accidents which may occur in ships carrying oil or other noxious or hazardous cargoes in bulk,

Having examined the Recommendation on the carriage of electronic position-fixing equipment adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its seventeenth session,

Recommends to governments that such ships carry an efficient electronic position-fixing device suitable for the trade in which the ship is employed,

Invites the Maritime Safety Committee to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation urgently pursues its work on the subject, and that proposals for amending the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, be prepared for consideration by the Assembly.

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RESOLUTION A.157 (ES. IV)

RECOMMENDATION ON THE USE AND TESTING OF
SHIPBORNE NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

The Assembly,

Noting Article 16(i) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

Considering the need for operating the shipborne navigational equipment to the maximum advantage,

Having examined the Recommendation on the use and testing of shipborne navigational equipment adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its seventeenth session,

Recommends

- (a) that governments bring to the notice of ships' masters the importance of making the most effective use of all navigational aids at their disposal;
- (b) that operational tests of shipborne navigational equipment be carried out at sea by the master or the officers as frequently as practicable and as circumstances permit, and in particular when conditions of hazardous navigation are expected; these tests should be recorded in the Log Book;
- (c) that governments encourage the development and use of reliable speed and distance indicators.

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