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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,

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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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