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THE ASSEMBLY,

HAVING IN MIND Article VI of the International Convention
for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954,

FOR THE PURPOSE of discouraging unlawful discharges of oil,
RECOMMENDS to Governments:

- (a) to review as soon as possible the penalties which may be imposed under the laws of their respective territories in respect of unlawful discharge of oil outside the territorial sea in order to ensure that the penalties are adequate in severity to discourage such discharges, as provided in Article VI of the Convention;
- (b) to communicate to the Organization the results of such a review together with details of the penalties which may be imposed;

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- (c) to take energetic proceedings, within the framework of such revised legislation, by giving the prosecuting authorities responsible for taking public action such instructions as will enable systematic proceedings to be taken against any unlawful discharge of oil;

INVITES the Maritime Safety Committee, in liaison, if need be, with the Legal Committee, to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Sub-Committee on Marine Pollution urgently pursues its work on this matter, and that proposals for amending the Convention, and particularly Articles IX and X thereof, in order to penalize more severely unlawful acts of pollution be prepared as soon as possible and, if possible, in sufficient time to permit of their consideration by the Assembly at its next regular session.

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