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RECOMMENDATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF FAIRWAYS  
THROUGH OFF-SHORE EXPLORATION AREAS

RESOLUTION A.179(VI)  
adopted on 28 October 1969

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(i) of the IMCO Convention concerning the  
functions of the Assembly,

RECOGNIZING the need for ensuring unencumbered exploitation  
of sea-bed resources as well as safety at sea,

HAVING CONSIDERED difficulties which would result from the  
congestion of navigable waters by off-shore platforms or other  
structures,

HAVING ALSO CONSIDERED the Recommendation adopted by the  
Maritime Safety Committee at its eighteenth session,

RECOMMENDS that Governments:

- (i) ensure that the exploitation of sea-bed resources  
does not seriously obstruct sea approaches and  
shipping routes;

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- (ii) consider the establishment of fairways or shipping routes through off-shore resource exploration areas at an early stage so as to ensure the unencumbered passage of marine traffic through the areas at all stages of exploitation;
  - (iii) take into account the principles adopted by IMCO with respect to routeing when considering the establishment of such fairways or shipping routes.
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