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THE ASSEMBLY,

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

RECALLING its Resolution A.175(VI) adopted on 21 October 1969 by which it adopted amendments to the Articles and Annexes to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, and invited all governments concerned to accept them at the earliest possible date,

RECALLING FURTHER Resolution 1 of the International Conference on Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1962, concerning the complete avoidance, as soon as practicable, of the discharge of persistent oils into the sea,

CONSIDERING that the implementation of the amendments contained in Resolution A.175(VI) will be a major step towards the ultimate attainment of complete avoidance of discharge and will bring about a significant reduction in the total quantity of oil which is permitted to be discharged under the present provisions of the Convention,

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CONSIDERING FURTHER that, under the amended provisions, the discharge of residues resulting from the purification of fuel or lubricating oil, which is permitted at present by the Convention, will be prohibited,

NOTING that certain governments are already taking legislative action on a national basis to implement the 1969 amendments prior to their entry into force,

INVITES governments concerned, pending the entry into force of those amendments, to:

- (a) recognize the provisions of the 1969 amendments as being at least equivalent to the provisions of the present Convention with regard to the prevention of pollution of the sea by oil;
- (b) give legal effect to the 1969 amendments in respect of ships registered under their control before the amendments have come into force internationally in accordance with Article XVI(4) of the Convention;
- (c) consider the possibility that compliance with the 1969 amendments can be regarded as meeting in all respects the intent of the relevant provisions of the present Convention as amended in 1962;
- (d) accept such items as Oil Record Books, reports and other documentation, produced by ships of other countries, where these have been introduced in implementation of the 1969 amendments;
- (e) promote the early development and implementation of methods of disposal of residues from the purification of fuel or lubricating oil which avoid their discharge into the sea,

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FURTHER INVITES governments to implement the provisions of this resolution as soon as possible without awaiting the results of the International Conference on Marine Pollution, 1973 so that the marine environment can be afforded the immediate protection inherent in the 1969 amendments.

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