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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON OCEAN DATA  
ACQUISITION SYSTEMS (ODAS)

RESOLUTION A.243(VII)  
adopted on 13 October 1971

THE ASSEMBLY,

TAKING NOTE of the Council Resolution C.51(KXII) by which IMCO joined other interested agencies in supporting the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, in particular with regard to the formulation and co-ordination of the expanded programme of international co-operation in oceanic research, as called for in United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 2172 (XXI) and 2414 (XXIII),

BEING AWARE of the great importance in promoting the understanding of the ocean through the use of ODAS, thus contributing indirectly to the safety of navigation,

BEING AWARE FURTHER of the need for international agreement in the deployment of ODAS, to the mutual advantage of all the users of the marine environment,

RECALLING its Resolution A.50(III) on marking of oceanographic stations,

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DECIDES to endorse the proposed arrangements for convening jointly with UNESCO the meeting of Governmental Experts on the legal status of ODAS,

DECIDES FURTHER that the Organization shall co-operate with UNESCO in convening the Diplomatic Conference on Ocean Data Acquisition Systems, and

AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to take necessary action to this effect.

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