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RECOMMENDATION ON DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, CHARTING AND
MANNING OF DRILLING RIGS, PRODUCTION PLATFORMS AND
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THE ASSEMBLY,

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

RECALLING Resolution A.180(VI) by which it adopted the Recommendation on
dissemination of information, charting and manning of drilling rigs and
production platforms,

RECOGNIZING the value of accurate and prompt information concerning the
existence and location of drilling rigs, production platforms and other similar
structures,

HAVING IN MIND the safety of such installations and their crews,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Recommendation adopted by the Maritime Safety
Committee at its thirty-second session,

ADOPTS the Recommendation on Dissemination of Information, Charting and
Manning of Drilling Rigs, Production Platforms and other similar Structures,
the text of which appears in the Annex to this Resolution,

INVITES all governments concerned to take steps to implement the
Recommendation,

RESOLVES that this Resolution shall replace Resolution A.180(VI).

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ANNEX

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Dissemination and charting

The State licensing the search for, and any subsequent exploitation of, any natural resources on or under the sea-bed should be responsible for the dissemination of information essential for the safety of navigation or any other activity on or beneath the surface within the area for which it has powers of development.

This dissemination of information should take the form of radio-warnings and Notices to Mariners (preliminary, permanent and temporary) to cover all stages of activity, initial search and investigation, trial drilling, and subsequent exploitation. The information so dealt with should take into account:

- (i) The area, period and nature of the initial search;
- (ii) the position of a subsequent drilling, any warning or navigational marking and period of operation;
- (iii) the state in which the sea-bed is left, the nature of any obstructions remaining after test drilling and any navigational marking;
- (iv) the nature and duration of any works connected with the erection of permanent production platforms, and any associated works such as laying of pipe-lines.

Any features of a sufficiently permanent nature such as permanent platforms or similar structures, bottom obstructions, pipe-lines, navigational marks and prohibited areas should be shown on all appropriate navigational charts; when such features exist in such density or are of a sufficiently mobile nature as to preclude efficient charting, then the areas concerned, together with any associated navigational aids and fairways and appropriate warning notes should be charted in lieu.

Associated publications such as Sailing Directions and Notices to Mariners should carry full details of any related regulations which effect navigation or other maritime activity.

The authority responsible for licensing any of the above activities should take all steps necessary, either directly or via the development and research agencies, to ensure that all information concerning the said activities is conveyed to the hydrographic authority concerned in complete detail at the earliest possible moment at all stages.

In cases where the licensing State has no facility, or inadequate facility, for charting or disseminating information as described above, it should take all appropriate steps to convey, either directly or via the development and research agencies, all necessary information to the hydrographic authority/authorities which normally carry primary charting and associated responsibility for the area concerned.

Manning

On board manned platforms or similar structures there is, in principle, a need for a nucleus of crew responsible for tasks related to any necessary seamanship, and usual duties related to safety. In view, however, of the diversity of types of platforms and similar structures, and in the absence so far of any standards established or experience in this matter, the details of manning and organization, for the time being, should be left to the discretion of Administrations.

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