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BARRATRY AND UNLAWFUL SEIZURE OF SHIPS AND THEIR CARGOES

THE ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that criminal acts of barratry and the unlawful seizure of ships and their cargoes are highly prejudicial to the legitimate interests of the owners of ships and goods, shippers, consignees, insurers and users of international maritime transport,

RECOGNIZING that an alarming increase in such fraudulent acts gravely endangers the integrity of international seaborne trade,

NOTING that urgent measures should be taken in order to attempt to prevent and suppress such acts,

1. RECOMMENDS that Governments, subject to applicable national and international laws, take and co-operate in appropriate legislative, administrative or other measures which could help to prevent and suppress acts involving or likely to involve barratry and the unlawful seizure of ships and their cargoes and safeguard the legitimate rights of all persons and authorities concerned;
2. INVITES Governments to notify the Secretary-General of measures taken by them in this respect and requests the Secretary-General to communicate such information to all Member Governments;
3. REQUESTS the Council to provide for a study of this matter on the basis of highest priority in order to determine the steps IMCO should take in respect of this matter and to report the results of its efforts to the Assembly at its twelfth regular session.

