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PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CONVENTION REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION FROM SHIPS

THE ASSEMBLY,

CONSCIOUS of the need to preserve the marine environment from pollution,

NOTING the provisions of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, as amended, (OILPOL) and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), concerning the protection of the marine environment from pollution,

TAKING NOTE of Article VI(2) of OILPOL and Article 4(4) of MARPOL 73/78 dealing with penalties for violations of the requirements of the Conventions,

RECOGNIZING the importance of penalties being adequate in severity to discourage violations of convention requirements,

CONCERNED that penalties specified under existing national laws in many cases do not effectively discourage violations of convention requirements,

URGES Governments of States which are parties to the above-mentioned Conventions to take all necessary legislative steps to ensure, as a matter of highest priority, that penalties for violations of convention requirements relating to the prevention of marine pollution from ships specified under the laws of their countries, particularly financial sanctions against those who operate polluting ships, are severe enough to discourage violations of such requirements.

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