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ACCEPTANCE OF DUTIES UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL (1954)

RESOLUTION A.8(I)
adopted on 13 January 1959

THE ASSEMBLY

TAKING NOTE of the functions and duties conferred upon the Organization by the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, done at London on 12 May 1954, and by its Annex A;

NOTING FURTHER that article XXI of the Convention provides that "the duties of the Bureau shall be carried out by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland unless and until the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization comes into being and takes over the duties assigned to it under the Convention signed at Geneva on the 6th day of March 1948, and thereafter, the duties of the Bureau shall be carried out by the said Organization";

DECIDES to accept the duties and to perform the functions conferred upon the Organization by the aforesaid Convention of 1954, providing it is understood by the Governments parties to the Convention that the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization will not be in a position to convene a conference

of the contracting Governments prior to 1961;

REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to provide the necessary machinery therefor in accordance with article 29 b of the Convention.

INSTRUCTS the Secretary-General to take over the duties and functions pertaining to a secretariat, which had been carried out so far by the Government of the United Kingdom under article XXI of the Convention and to receive all relevant documents which this Government will transmit to the Organization in this respect.

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THE ASSEMBLY

TAKING NOTE of the desire of the United Nations to transfer to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization functions concerning the collection and dissemination of technical information about oil pollution, as described, in resolutions 298 B (XI), 537 A (XVIII) and 687 (XXVI) of the Economic and Social Council;

NOTING FURTHER that such functions fall within the scope of the Organization;

CONSIDERING that the Organization is ready and willing to undertake such functions;

DECIDES to take over from the United Nations those functions, along with any resources and obligations in connexion therewith, that will be transferred by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with resolution 687(XXVI) of the Economic and Social Council;

INSTRUCTS the Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization:

(a) to negotiate mutually acceptable arrangements with the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the transfer of such functions by the United Nations and their acceptance by the Organization, and

(b) thereafter to take over such functions from the United Nations.

REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to provide the necessary machinery therefor in accordance with article 29 b of the Convention.