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THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 39 of the Convention on the International Maritime  
Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING regulation 15(1) of Annex I of the International Convention for  
the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of  
1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), which permits for existing tankers, a  
period of 3 years in the application of requirements for installation of oil  
discharge monitoring and control systems,

NOTING that the Committee at its eighteenth session concluded that the  
oil content meters approved under the terms of resolution A.393(X) and fitted  
to existing monitoring and control systems may not always perform functions as  
envisaged in regulation 15(3) of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 and that further time  
is required to permit improvement of equipment for full compliance with that  
Regulation,

NOTING FURTHER that revised Guidelines and Specifications for oil  
discharge monitoring and control systems, consolidating and revising the  
standards adopted under resolutions A.393(X), A.496(XII) and MEPC 13(19) and  
intended for application to oil tankers the keels of which are laid or which  
are at a similar stage of construction on or after 2 October 1986, have been  
developed by the Committee and that development within the industry of oil  
content meters to comply with this new performance standard is progressing  
satisfactorily,

REALIZING that the need for such improved oil content meters is even greater in existing tankers due to their extensive operation with oil contaminated water,

REALIZING FURTHER that some existing oil tankers, but not all, will already have installed oil content meter approved to the specifications contained in resolution A.393(X),

RECOGNIZING that it is desirable, and that it would contribute to the protection of the marine environment, to fit improved oil content meters in existing oil tankers to the greatest extent possible but that this cannot be accomplished within the time available before 2 October 1986,

CONSIDERING that allowing certain time extension for the installation of equipment complying with the revised performance standard will contribute to more accurate and reliable oil discharge monitoring and control systems being fitted in existing oil tankers,

1 RESOLVES that Administrations may accept, up to 2 October 1987, for the purpose of certification, existing oil tankers as defined in regulation 1(7) of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, notwithstanding the fact that the fitting of an oil discharge monitoring and control system required by regulation 15(3) of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 has not been completed provided that all the following conditions are satisfied:

- .1 a purchase contract has been made prior to 2 October 1986 for an oil discharge monitoring and control system incorporating an oil content meter, approved to part 1 of the Annex of the revised Guidelines and Specifications developed by the Organization<sup>1/</sup>;

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<sup>1/</sup> Reference is made to the Draft Revised Guidelines and Specifications adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-first session (22 April - 1 May 1985).

- .2 prior to 2 October 1986 a time schedule has been established for the installation of the monitoring system; and
- .3 the IOPP Certificate issued to the ship is endorsed accordingly and ceases to be valid if the installation has not been carried out and been approved by 2 October 1987.

2 URGES Governments to accept certificates so endorsed, carried on board oil tankers visiting their ports,

3 URGES Administrations to ascertain that shipowners undertake every possible effort to ensure that their vessels are fitted with oil discharge monitoring and control systems incorporating an oil content meter approved to meet the Revised Guidelines and Specifications as soon as possible, and

4 INVITES the Assembly at its fourteenth session to endorse the above-mentioned actions taken by the Committee.

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