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THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(c) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING Assembly resolution A.675(16) on prevention of marine pollution,

HAVING adopted the amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 in pursuance of Assembly resolution A.675(16) which established requirements under regulations 13F and 13G for the prevention of oil pollution in the case of collisions or strandings applicable to new and existing ships,

BELIEVING that there will be an increased need for scrapping facilities as a result of the requirements contained in the above regulations,

CONSIDERING that improved techniques and efficiency in scrapping methods could considerably enhance the ability of the scrapping industry and meet the necessary demand.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Member States, particularly developing countries, whilst desirous either to improve existing scrapping facilities or to undertake the establishment of new ones, may require technical or other assistance for the above purposes,

RECOMMENDS that Member Governments, especially the Governments of States with shipbuilding and shipping interests:

- (a) take initiatives, in co-operation with the shipbuilding and shipping industries, to develop ship scrapping facilities at world-wide level;
- (b) endeavour to promote research and development programmes, to improve efficient scrapping techniques and to undertake, in co-operation with the shipbuilding and shipping industries, the establishment of adequate ship scrapping facilities as soon as practicable; and
- (c) provide technical assistance and transfer of technology to developing countries in their efforts to develop ship scrapping facilities,

FURTHER RECOMMENDS the Secretary-General to consider any further action which may be taken to assist Member Governments and particularly developing countries in developing such ship scrapping facilities.

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