

RESOLUTION A.599(15)

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Agenda item 12*

**AVOIDANCE BY SUBMERGED SUBMARINES OF FISHING VESSELS
AND THEIR FISHING GEAR**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety,

CONSIDERING the danger to a fishing vessel when its fishing gear is entangled by a submerged submarine,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the navigational and safety information available to submarines and fishing vessels and the fact that a fishing vessel would have no information that a submerged submarine is operating in its vicinity and also that a submarine might not have information that a fishing vessel is operating in its vicinity,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-second session,

RECOMMENDS that a submerged submarine, if information of the presence of a fishing vessel and its fishing gear is available, should, as far as possible, keep out of the way of that fishing vessel and any fishing gear connected to it unless the submarine is disabled.