

**RESOLUTION A.545(13)**

*Adopted on 17 November 1983  
Agenda item 10(b)*

**MEASURES TO PREVENT ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY  
AGAINST SHIPS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 16(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations concerning maritime safety,

NOTING with great concern the increasing number of incidents involving piracy and armed robbery against ships including small craft at anchor and under way,

RECOGNIZING the grave danger to life and the grave navigational and environmental risks to which such incidents can give rise,

DESIRING that Governments take all necessary action to prevent and suppress acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships including small craft,

HAVING CONSIDERED the advice of the Council at its fiftieth session and of the Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-eighth session,

1. URGES Governments concerned to take, as a matter of the highest priority, all measures necessary to prevent and suppress acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships in or adjacent to their waters, including strengthening of security measures;
2. INVITES Governments concerned and interested organizations to advise shipowners, ship operators, shipmasters and crews on measures to be taken to prevent acts of piracy and armed robbery and minimize the effects of such acts;
3. FURTHER INVITES Governments and organizations concerned to inform the Organization of action taken to implement the aims of the present resolution;
4. REQUESTS Governments concerned to inform the Organization of any act of piracy or armed robbery committed against a ship flying the flag of their country, indicating the location and circumstances of the incident and the action taken by the coastal State;
5. REQUESTS ALSO the Secretary-General to circulate to Governments and organizations concerned the information referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above;
6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Council to keep this matter under review and take such further action as it may consider necessary in the light of developments.