

*Noting with satisfaction* that 30 Governments have accepted the Convention and 27 Governments have informed the Organization that they have undertaken an examination of their shipping documentation with a view to considering possibilities of simplifying and reducing their documentary requirements on arrival, stay and departure of ships by using Forms conforming to the recommended Models,

*Concerned*, however, that there still remain a great number of Governments which are not directing their efforts toward reducing documentary requirements and introducing the recommended Models,

*Taking note* of the views of the Contracting Governments as expressed in the report of the fifth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Facilitation,

*Calls upon* Governments, Parties to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, to take all possible steps including the amendment of national laws, where necessary, to enable them to adopt uniform international documentation as previously recommended by the Assembly and to implement the provisions set out in the Annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic,

*Urges* Governments which have not yet accepted the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965:

- (a) to consider doing so as soon as practicable;
- (b) in the event that an early acceptance of the said Convention is not possible, to proceed nevertheless with the implementation of standardized shipping documents conforming as closely as possible to the Models recommended in Resolution A.194(VI) as a basic effective measure of facilitation in maritime traffic,

*Recommends* that Governments inform the Secretary-General, if they have not yet done so, of the steps taken to implement the Model Forms or of difficulties experienced with respect to the implementation of individual Forms, for further consideration as necessary.

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RESOLUTION A.240(VII)

#### WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The Assembly,

*Noting* the extent of unpaid contributions due from certain Member nations and that these arrears are increasing,

*Noting further* that delay in the receipt of contributions could endanger the satisfactory discharge of the Organization's work programme,

*Emphasizes* the need for all Member nations to pay their due contributions, including arrears, with the least possible delay in accordance with Article V.5.4 of the Organization's Financial Regulations, and

*Instructs* the Secretary-General to take all possible steps to secure payment of arrears of contributions,

*Resolves* that

1. The Working Capital Fund shall continue to be established for the financial period 1972/73 in the amount of \$150,000.
2. The advances assessed upon Members for the financial period 1970/71 will remain unchanged for the financial period 1972/73.
3. The Secretary-General is authorized:
  - (a) to advance from the Working Capital Fund such sums as may be necessary to finance the appropriations for the years 1972/73 pending receipt of contributions from Members; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed to the Working Capital Fund as soon as contributions are available;
  - (b) with the prior concurrence of the Council, to advance such sums as may be necessary to meet unforeseen or extraordinary expenses arising during the financial period 1972/73, provided that such expenses are of a clearly exceptional nature and shall relate specifically to the approved work programme of the Organization and that the Council is assured that the relevant expenditures cannot be met by appropriate transfer action within the total budget approved for a calendar year.
4. The Secretary-General shall report to the Assembly all advances made under the present Resolution and the circumstances relating thereto and shall submit supplementary estimates for reimbursement to the Working Capital Fund of advances made therefrom to meet unforeseen or extraordinary expenses.

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RESOLUTION A.241(VII)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION, 1973

The Assembly,

*Noting* Article 16 of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

*Recalling* its Resolution A.176(VI) by which it decided to convene in 1973, an international conference on marine pollution for the purpose of preparing a suitable international agreement for placing restraints on the contamination of the sea, land and air by ships, vessels and other equipment operating in the marine environment and called upon the Maritime Safety Committee to proceed with its work on marine pollution with all possible speed in co-ordination with other interested organizations,

*Noting further* its Resolution A.237(VII) by which it decided that the 1973 Conference shall have as its main objective the achievement by 1975 if possible but certainly by the end of the decade, of the complete elimination of the wilful and intentional pollution of the seas by oil and noxious substances other than oil and the minimization of accidental spills,