

RESOLUTION A.155(ES.IV)

PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL  
OUTSIDE THE PROHIBITED ZONES

The Assembly,

*Noting* that the Sub-Committee on Marine Pollution of the Maritime Safety Committee, in accordance with paragraph 13 of the decision of the Council recorded in C/ES.III/5 reproduced at Annex, is considering how the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, can be made more effective,

*Noting also* that arrangements and facilities have been developed which should normally enable ships either to discharge oil or oily mixtures into port reception facilities or, except in very small quantities, to retain them on board,

*Requests* the Maritime Safety Committee to arrange for the work of the Sub-Committee on Marine Pollution in this matter to be pursued as a matter of urgency and to ensure that amendments to the Convention, and particularly those to strengthen the provisions of Article III of the Convention in respect of prohibiting the discharge of oil, are proposed in time for consideration by the Assembly at its next regular session,

*Recommends* strongly that in the meantime governments should take all possible steps to ensure that shipowners and charterers make full use of the facilities and arrangements already mentioned which can enable the discharge of oil and oily mixtures into the sea outside the prohibited zones to be reduced to a low level.

ANNEX

Whether the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, as amended, requires amendment as regards detection of deliberate pollution and the enforcement of penalties therefor.

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RECOMMENDATION ON THE CARRIAGE OF  
ELECTRONIC POSITION-FIXING EQUIPMENT

The Assembly,

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

*Considering* the grave consequences of accidents which may occur in ships carrying oil or other noxious or hazardous cargoes in bulk,