

**RESOLUTION A.675(16)**

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**PREVENTION OF OIL POLLUTION**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention of the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety and the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECOGNIZING the severity of recent marine pollution incidents resulting from tanker casualties,

RECOGNIZING ALSO that the prevention of maritime casualties is the primary and preferred method for avoiding pollution of the marine environment,

NOTING that IMO has made substantial progress in the development of international measures designed to reduce both operational and accidental pollution from tankers,

BEARING IN MIND the necessity and importance of world-wide adherence to, implementation and enforcement of relevant IMO conventions,

NOTING ALSO that the human element is a predominant factor in tanker casualties,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the necessity to review continuously the adequacy of international conventions which aim to prevent and mitigate this type of casualty,

1. URGES Governments to implement and enforce the existing international conventions relating to safety of life at sea, protection of the marine environment, and training of seafarers;
2. INVITES Governments to submit promptly the outcome of casualty investigations and other related studies so as to enable the technical bodies of the Organization to consider whether further action may be necessary to reduce the possibility and severity of such incidents;
3. REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee to examine, in particular, the role of the human element in such incidents;
4. REQUESTS FURTHER the Committees to review the results of studies in different countries on tanker design and other related topics.