

RESOLUTION A.347(IX)

Adopted on 12 November 1975
Agenda item 8

**ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE 1969 AMENDMENTS TO THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF
POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954 AND OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF
POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING that by Resolution A.237(VII) it decided that the International Conference on Marine Pollution, 1973 should have as its main objectives 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,

RECALLING ALSO that the International Conference on Marine Pollution, 1973 considered the implementation of the 1969 Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, to be a major step towards the complete elimination of oil pollution and, by Resolution 1, urged governments which had not yet accepted the 1969 Amendments to do so as a matter of urgency without awaiting the entry into force of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973,

RECALLING FURTHER that that Conference by Resolution 2 urged States, *inter alia* to become Parties to the 1973 Convention as soon as possible,

NOTING that under the provisions of the 1954 Convention (as amended in 1962) which is currently in force, ships are not prohibited from freely discharging oil within large areas of the sea, without any limitation at all,

NOTING FURTHER that nothing in the 1969 Amendments is incompatible with the provisions of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, inasmuch as all the provisions of the 1969 Amendments have been incorporated in the 1973 Convention,

RECOGNIZING that there are no major technical obstacles to the operation of ships in accordance with the provisions of the 1969 Amendments, and that some governments have implemented them in respect of ships of their own flags,

BEING INFORMED that while the 1969 Amendments have so far been accepted by twenty-five Contracting Governments, a further eleven acceptances are required to bring them into force,

URGES:

- (a) governments which have not yet accepted the 1969 Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, to do so without delay, in order to minimize as soon as possible pollution of the seas by oil, whilst awaiting the entry into force of the wider-ranging International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, and
- (b) States to become Parties to the 1973 Convention as soon as possible.