

*Endorses* the decisions taken by the Council at its twenty-sixth session, concerning the subject matter for the Conference and other matters relating to the prevention of marine pollution (MSC XXIV/3/1), and the Reports of the Maritime Safety Committee with respect to the preparatory work now in progress,

*Recognizing* the imperative need to achieve this objective and the need for policy directives if the preparatory work on marine pollution is to be successful in meeting the objectives which are inherent in its decision to hold the Conference,

*Reaffirms* its decision to convene such Conference and to provide the means therefor,

*Requests* Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Legal Committee to proceed as a matter of urgency with the necessary preparations,

*Authorizes* Council, in the light of further progress made in the preparatory work within the Organization and also developments in the United Nations system, to provide appropriate policy directives and make such modifications to the subject matter of the Conference as it may consider necessary and to fix the precise date of the Conference to be convened in 1973,

*Invites* the Secretary-General to make all the requisite arrangements for the Conference including the issue of invitations to States, Members of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice together with Observers from such governmental and non-governmental organizations as are normally present at Conferences convened by IMCO.

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RESOLUTION A.242(VII)

PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE  
ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT  
(STOCKHOLM, 5-16 JUNE 1972)

The Assembly,

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

*Recalling* United Nations Resolution 2398 (XXIII) by which the General Assembly decided to convene, in 1972, a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

*Having noted* United Nations Resolution 2581 (XXIV) by which the General Assembly decided that the Conference should be held in Sweden in June 1972 and invited, *inter alia*, the Specialized Agencies and the IAEA to collaborate closely with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the preparations for the Conference and to assist, as appropriate, in the work of the Preparatory Committee,

*Noting* in this connexion the action taken by the Secretary-General of IMCO to provide such collaboration,

*Being informed* of the work carried out by the Preparatory Committee particularly with reference to the development of action proposals for the prevention and control of marine pollution,

*Having considered* the relationship between those action proposals and the recommendations of the IMCO Council and the Maritime Safety Committee relative to the subject matter for the IMCO Conference on Marine Pollution in 1973,

*Endorses* the action taken by the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General in implementation of UN Resolution 2581 (XXIV),

*Requests* the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Secretary-General:

- (a) to continue to participate fully in the preparatory work for the UN Conference on the Human Environment;
- (b) to implement any decisions of that Conference entrusting responsibilities to IMCO, including functions in respect of the control of the dumping of shore-generated waste by ships or other craft operating in the marine environment.

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#### RESOLUTION A.243(VII)

##### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON OCEAN DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS (ODAS)

The Assembly,

*Taking note* of the Council Resolution C.51(XXII) by which IMCO joined other interested agencies in supporting the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, in particular with regard to the formulation and co-ordination of the expanded programme of international co-operation in oceanic research, as called for in United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 2172 (XXI) and 2414 (XXIII),

*Being aware* of the great importance in promoting the understanding of the ocean through the use of ODAS, thus contributing indirectly to the safety of navigation,

*Being aware further* of the need for international agreement in the deployment of ODAS, to the mutual advantage of all the users of the marine environment,

*Recalling* its Resolution A.50(III) on marking of oceanographic stations,

*Decides* to endorse the proposed arrangements for convening jointly with UNESCO the meeting of Governmental Experts on the legal status of ODAS,

*Decides further* that the Organization shall co-operate with UNESCO in convening the Diplomatic Conference on Ocean Data Acquisition Systems, and