

RESOLUTION A.179(VI)

RECOMMENDATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF FAIRWAYS
THROUGH OFF-SHORE EXPLORATION AREAS

The Assembly,

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

Recognizing the need for ensuring unencumbered exploitation of sea-bed resources as well as safety at sea,

Having considered difficulties which would result from the congestion of navigable waters by off-shore platforms or other structures,

Having also considered the Recommendation adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighteenth session,

Recommends that governments:

- (i) ensure that the exploitation of sea-bed resources does not seriously obstruct sea approaches and shipping routes;
- (ii) consider the establishment of fairways or shipping routes through off-shore resource exploration areas at an early stage so as to ensure the unencumbered passage of marine traffic through the areas at all stages of exploitation;
- (iii) take into account the principles adopted by IMCO with respect to routing when considering the establishment of such fairways or shipping routes.

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RESOLUTION A.180(VI)

RECOMMENDATION ON DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION,
CHARTING AND MANNING OF DRILLING RIGS
AND PRODUCTION PLATFORMS

The Assembly,

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

Recognizing the value of accurate and prompt information concerning the existence and location of drilling and production platforms,

Having in mind the safety of such installations and their crews,

Having considered the Recommendation adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighteenth session,

Adopts the Recommendation on dissemination of information, charting and manning of drilling rigs and production platforms, the text of which appears in the Annex to this Resolution,

Invites all governments concerned to take steps to implement the Recommendation.

ANNEX

RECOMMENDATION ON DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, CHARTING AND MANNING OF DRILLING RIGS AND PRODUCTION PLATFORMS

Dissemination of Information and Charting

The State licensing a platform's location should be responsible for issuing Notices to Mariners, containing information on the existence and location as well as on subsequent movement of platforms. The same State should also issue radio warnings, if it is considered necessary, as a quicker method of informing mariners. The marking of individual platforms on charts is considered desirable; it is, however, recognized that this is not practicable in areas where such platforms exist in great density, or where they are frequently moved and relocated; in such cases warning notes should appear on the chart indicating the affected area. It was pointed out that on many occasions hydrographic services do not receive sufficient or early information concerning the installation of platforms; it is recommended that the authorities responsible for issuing the appropriate concessions should inform the hydrographic services as early as possible. In the event of the State concerned having no requisite authorities for charting or issuing Notices to Mariners and/or radio warnings, it should advise one or more of the States which issue such information on a world-wide basis, e.g. the Federal Republic of Germany, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Manning

On board manned platforms there is, in principle, a need for a nucleus of crew responsible for tasks related to any necessary seamanship, and usual duties related to safety. In view, however, of the diversity of types of platforms, and in the absence so far of any standards established or experience in this matter, the details of manning and organization, for the time being, should be left to the discretion of Administrations.

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RESOLUTION A.181(VI)

INSTRUCTIONS ON SURVIVAL IN LIFERAFTS

The Assembly,

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

Considering the need for instructions on immediate action to be taken as soon as the liferaft is entered as well as on how to survive in the liferaft,