ASSEMBLY - 4th extraordinary session
Agenda item 4

REPORTS ON ACCIDENTS INVOLVING SIGNIFICANT SPILLAGES OF OIL
RESOLUTION A.147(ES.IV)
adopted on 26 November 1968

THE ASSEMBLY,

FOR THE PURPOSE of promoting rapid action by the Governments concerned in cases of significant spillages of oil following accidents,

HAVING IN MIND the recommendation of the Council of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization at its third extraordinary session,

RECOMMENDS to Governments that they:

(a) require masters of all ships to report immediately through the channels which may be found most practicable and adequate under the circumstances, all accidents in which their ships are involved which have given or may give rise to significant spillages of oil. Such reports should, if possible, include details on the nature and degree of pollution, the movement of the oil slick and any other useful information as appropriate;
(b) appoint an appropriate officer or agency to whom such information may be referred. Such officer or agency would also be responsible for transmission of relevant details to all other Governments concerned;

(c) ensure that any such reports received by any authority in the country be forwarded to such an officer or agency with all despatch;

(d) provide the Organization with information concerning the appointment of such officer or agency for circulation to Governments.
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