THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(i) of the IMCO Convention concerning the function of the Assembly,

CONSIDERING that Port Advisory Services can make a valuable contribution to safety in harbour approaches,

HAVING EXAMINED the Recommendation on Port Advisory Services adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its seventeenth session,

RECOMMENDS to Governments that they:

(a) consider setting up such services in ports and their approaches, that warrant it by the importance and nature of their traffic, particularly in oil terminals and ports where noxious or hazardous cargoes are loaded and unloaded;

(b) instruct masters that an early indication of the expected time of arrival to the appropriate authorities would also contribute to safety, due regard being given to the actual conditions of the case and the existing local arrangements.