

RESOLUTION (69) 37

(Adopted by the Ministers' Deputies on 31 October 1969)

SEA POLLUTION

The Committee of Ministers,

Having taken note of the conclusions of the European Committee for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources;

Having regard to Resolution 12 of the 1954 Convention on the Pollution of the Sea by Oil about the need for research on prevention of oil pollution;

Noting that, since the *Torrey Canyon* accident, similar accidents, although on a smaller scale, have occurred, causing damage to marine flora and fauna;

Aware of an increasing demand by the departments concerned for information on adequate methods of preventing sea pollution by accidental discharge,

Invites the member states of the Council of Europe :

1. to undertake without delay or to intensify research work on the consequences of pollution of the sea by oil on marine flora and fauna;

- to consider the adoption of measures to safeguard wildlife and plants;

- to study more particularly the means of combating disasters rapidly;

- to do everything possible to avoid similar accidents in the future;

2. to transmit to the Secretariat of IMCO, for exchange and circulation, the results of research and experiments in progress in several countries on the means - mechanical and chemical - of preventing accidental pollution by hydrocarbons, bearing in mind the possible harmful effects that such means might have on marine flora and fauna.