

**RESOLUTION A.584(14)**

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Agenda item 10(b)*

**MEASURES TO PREVENT UNLAWFUL ACTS WHICH THREATEN  
THE SAFETY OF SHIPS AND THE SECURITY  
OF THEIR PASSENGERS AND CREWS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 1 and Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the purposes of the Organization and the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety,

NOTING with great concern the danger to passengers and crews resulting from the increasing number of incidents involving piracy, armed robbery and other unlawful acts against or on board ships, including small craft, both at anchor and under way,

RECALLING resolution A.545(13) which urged action to initiate a series of measures to combat acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships and small craft at sea,

RECOGNIZING the need for the Organization to assist in the formulation of internationally agreed technical measures to improve security and reduce the risk to the lives of passengers and crews on board ships,

1. CALLS UPON all Governments, port authorities and administrations, shipowners, ship operators, shipmasters and crews to take, as soon as possible, steps to review and, as necessary, strengthen port and on-board security;
2. DIRECTS the Maritime Safety Committee, in co-operation with other committees, as required, to develop, on a priority basis, detailed and practical technical measures, including both shoreside and shipboard measures, which may be employed by Governments, port authorities and administrations, shipowners, ship operators, shipmasters and crews to ensure the security of passengers and crews on board ships;
3. INVITES the Maritime Safety Committee to take note of the work of the International Civil Aviation Organization in the development of standards and recommended practices for airport and aircraft security;
4. AUTHORIZES the Maritime Safety Committee to request the Secretary-General to issue a circular containing information on the measures developed by the Committee to Governments, organizations concerned and interested parties for their consideration and adoption.