

Budget and finances

IMCO's budget for 1978-1979 amounts to \$12,661,300 (U.S.). Expenses are apportioned among the members on the basis of:

- (a) a fixed-sum payment determined by the percentage of the UN budget paid by the member;
- (b) a further payment derived from the member's total gross registered tonnage of shipping.

In 1978, Canada's contribution to the organization was \$45,019 (U.S.).

Major programs and priorities and means of action

The following are the major programs for the period 1978-82: Conference on Crew Training; Conference on Search-and-Rescue Systems; Legal Status of Air-Cushion Vehicles; Civil Liability for Pollution Damage from Substances other than Oil as Defined in the 1969 Convention on Civil Liability for Oil-Pollution Damage; Wreck Removal and Related Issues; Regime of Vessels in Foreign Ports; Safety of Novel-Type Craft; Establishment of International Legal Machinery to Combat Marine Pollu-

tion from Ships and Other Vessels; Jurisdiction in Respect of Collisions at Sea and Other Maritime Incidents; and Arrest of Sea-Going Ships.

The organization has adopted conventions dealing with safety, pollution prevention, legal matters and the facilitation of maritime trade. Of 18 conventions, 12 are already in force.

Canada was the first country to accept the convention to establish the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization. Since IMCO's creation in 1958, Canada has participated actively in the organization and has continuously held a seat on the Council and on the Maritime Safety Committee.