At its twenty-fourth session, the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation was informed by the Governments of France and the United Kingdom (NAV XXIV/11/4) that following a large number of contraventions of the traffic separation schemes "Off Ushant" and "Off Casquets", the two Governments had inspected charts covering the two schemes. Of 406 ships inspected, 62 had charts which had not been kept up to date. In all cases where ships contravened the two schemes, the charts were not up to date.

The Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-second session shared the concern of the Sub-Committee about the number of ships using charts which are not up to date and decided to bring this serious situation to the attention of all Member Governments, inviting them to instruct their ships to carry up to date charts in conformity with Regulation 20, Chapter V of the 1974 SOLAS Convention.