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1. The Maritime Safety Committee, considering proposals for an identification mark for ships having bulbous bow, intended to reduce the risk of contact damage to the bows of such vessels, decided to recommend that a notice board with the words "BULBOUS BOW" and/or "BOW PROPULSION" should be exhibited when required on each side of the bow where it can best be seen and it should be illuminated at night.
2. The Committee was informed that on certain occasions vessels carrying dangerous goods, including oil, exhibit at night in the open sea a red light visible all round the horizon, in order to indicate the dangerous nature of their cargo. The Committee agreed that this practice constitutes a contravention of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
3. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to invite the attention of Member Governments to the above.

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