ANNEX 6

DISCHARGE OF OILS NOT SPECIFIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL 1954 AS AMENDED IN 1962 AND 1969

Resolution MEPC.8(XVI) adopted on 3 December 1981

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

HAVING BEEN INFORMED of an oil pollution incident involving the discharge from a tanker of carbon black feedstock oil and resulting in the death of approximately 70,000 sea birds along the coastlines of the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden,

NOTING that the provisions of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, as amended (OILPOL 54/69) deal with crude oil, fuel oil, heavy diesel oil and lubricating oil, whereas the provisions of Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the 1978 Protocol relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78) cover all types of oil,

URGES Governments to immediately inform owners, operators and masters of ships entitled to fly the flag of their States of the tragic consequences of the discharge of carbon black feedstock oil mentioned above, and to request them to refrain, without awaiting the entry into force of MARPOL 73/78, to the maximum extent possible, from discharges into the sea of oils not specified in OILPOL 54/69 but covered by MARPOL 73/78.