

ANNEX 4

RESOLUTION MEPC.38(29)

APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ANNEX IV OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973,
AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO,
ON THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA

adopted on 13 March 1990

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

NOTING the provisions of Annex IV of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), concerning the discharge of sewage from ships and the provisions of reception facilities in the Baltic Sea Area,

TAKING NOTE of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1974, (Helsinki Convention), which Convention entered into force on 3 May 1980 and in its Annex IV contains in substance the same provisions concerning the discharge of sewage and the provision of reception facilities as Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78,

NOTING ALSO that adequate reception facilities are available within the Baltic Sea Area,

NOTING FURTHER that the provisions of regulation 7 of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention relating to sewage with regard to existing ships will become effective for all Parties to that Convention, Denmark, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, Poland, Sweden and the USSR, on 3 May 1990,

RECOGNIZING the importance, for the protection of the vulnerable marine environment of the Baltic Sea Area, of the aforementioned provisions on the discharge of sewage being applied in the Baltic Sea Area, not only by ships flying the flag of Parties to the Helsinki Convention, but also by ships flying the flag of other States,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT resolution MEPC.5(XIV) concerning the discharge of oil in the Baltic Sea Area, resolution MEPC.23(22) concerning the discharge of noxious liquid substances, and resolutions MEPC.9(17) and MEPC.31(26) concerning the discharge of garbage in the Baltic Sea Area,

HAVING CONSIDERED a request for a recommendation in this respect by the Parties to the Helsinki Convention,

RECOMMENDS that Governments of States, which are not Parties to the Helsinki Convention, urge ships flying their flag to, as far as practicable, apply, as from 3 May 1990, the provisions of Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 concerning the discharge of sewage when operating in the Baltic Sea Area.
