

ANNEX 2

**RESOLUTION MEPC 77(41)
adopted on 2 April 1998****ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 10
OF ANNEX I OF MARPOL 73/78 IN RESPECT OF THE NORTH WEST EUROPEAN
WATERS SPECIAL AREA SHALL TAKE EFFECT**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING resolution MEPC.75(40) by which the Committee adopted amendments to regulation 10 of Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), to designate North West European Waters as a special area,

NOTING ALSO the definition of the special area under MARPOL Annex I, i.e. a sea area where for recognised technical reasons in relation to its oceanographical and ecological condition and to the particular character of its traffic the adoption of special mandatory methods for the prevention of pollution of the sea by oil is required,

NOTING FURTHER the information provided in document MEPC 41/7/1 submitted by all the States bordering the North West European Waters - Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom - that adequate reception facilities are provided in all ports within the North West European Waters special area, in accordance with the provisions of regulation 10(7)(b)(iii) of MARPOL Annex I,

HAVING CONSIDERED the request of the above States to establish the date on which the requirements of regulation 10 of MARPOL Annex I in respect of the North West European Waters special area shall take effect,

1. DECIDES that the requirements of regulation 10 of MARPOL Annex I concerning the North West European Waters special area shall take effect on 1 August 1999 with the proviso that the said amendments are deemed to have been accepted on 1 August 1998;
2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to notify, in conformity with regulation 10(7)(b)(iii) of MARPOL Annex I, all Parties to MARPOL 73/78 of the aforementioned decision;
3. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to notify all Members of the Organization of the aforementioned decision.
