

ANNEX 9

RESOLUTION MEPC.87(44)
adopted on 13 March 2000**USE OF SPANISH UNDER IMO CONVENTIONS RELATING
TO POLLUTION PREVENTION**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(c) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the function of the Committee,

NOTING that the present provisions of MARPOL 73/78 allow only English or French as international working languages in the certificates and relevant documents required by the Convention,

NOTING ALSO that Spanish is one of the official and working languages of the Organization,

HAVING CONSIDERED the proposals submitted by Venezuela and Spain for consideration by the forty-fourth session of the Committee on amendments to MARPOL 73/78 (MEPC 44/12/6 and MEPC 44/12/7),

1. AGREES to amend relevant regulations of MARPOL 73/78 to provide the same status to Spanish as is provided for English and French;
2. AGREES ALSO to take necessary formal action for amendments to each relevant MARPOL Annex when opportunities for review arrive;
3. AGREES FURTHER to provide equal status to English, French and Spanish when preparing future legal instruments;
4. FURTHER AGREES to inform the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee and the Legal Committee of this resolution for consistency in the Organization's policy.
