ANNEX 13

RESOLUTION LDC.29(10)

EXPORT OF WASTES FOR DISPOSAL AT SEA

THE TENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

RECOGNIZING the obligation of Contracting Parties to promote, individually and collectively, the effective control of all sources of pollution of the marine environment,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the increasing movement of wastes across national boundaries for a variety of purposes such as storage, recycling, treatment, or final disposal,

RECALLING the recommendation of the London Dumping Convention Task Team 2000 Report (LDC 8/4) that Contracting Parties address the problem of the transboundary movement of wastes for disposal at sea,

RECALLING FURTHER Resolution LDC Res.11(V) concerning the export of wastes for incineration at sea,

ACKNOWLEDGING that protection of the marine environment in connection with the transboundary movement of wastes for disposal at sea is a shared responsibility between exporting and receiving countries,

NOTING the activities of such organizations as UNEP, EEC, OECD, and the Oslo Commission in developing rules and guidelines on the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes, and their value in advancing the objectives of the London Dumping Convention,

BEARING IN MIND that the work undertaken in some of these organizations may ultimately lead to an international convention on all aspects of the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes,

BELIEVING that pending the creation of such an international convention it is useful to make recommendations to Contracting Parties on transboundary movements of hazardous wastes destined for disposal at sea,

RECOGNIZING the right of individual States to apply rules governing the export of wastes for sea disposal that are more stringent than international rules and guidelines,

DESIRING that any disposal at sea be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the London Dumping Convention, and appropriate regional conventions,

AGREES to work toward the widespread acceptance and effective application of the Convention,

AGREES FURTHER to recommend that Contracting Parties not export wastes for sea disposal, particularly those containing substances listed in Annex I and II of the London Dumping Convention, to States not Party to the Convention or to an appropriate regional convention unless there are both compelling reasons for such export and clear evidence that the wastes would be disposed of in compliance with the requirements of the London Dumping Convention and such regional conventions,

CALLS on Contracting Parties exporting wastes for sea disposal to:

.1 provide advance notification of any intended movement of such wastes to the receiving country and any other country which may exercise authority over their transport or disposal in sufficient time for an informed assessment;

.2 obtain the prior consent of the appropriate national authorities in any country receiving wastes and issuing the required permit for sea disposal,

URGES Contracting Parties to endeavour to ensure that wastes exported for a purpose other than sea disposal are not ultimately disposed of at sea unless done in compliance with the requirements of the Convention,

REQUESTS that Contracting Parties provide the Organization with the names of the national authorities in their country responsible for receiving advance notification of the transboundary movement of wastes for sea disposal, and requests the Organization to circulate this information among the Contracting Parties,

URGES Contracting Parties to take account of this resolution when negotiating any future international convention on the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes.

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