RESOLUTION LC.56(SM)

SEA DISPOSAL OF VESSELS

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES,

BEING AWARE that sea disposal of vessels as regulated under the London Convention 1972 is carried out by a number of Contracting Parties to that Convention, and BEING ALSO AWARE that sea disposal of vessels has been phased out by a number of Contracting Parties or will be phased out within the near future, as agreed in the context of regional conventions;

HAVING AGREED to include vessels in the list of wastes or other matter that may be considered for dumping at sea as set out in Annex 1 to the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention 1972;

BEING ALSO AWARE that the Scientific Group is developing guidance specifically related to sea disposal of vessels under the London Convention 1972:

1 REQUESTS the Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972 to provide information with particular regard to land-based alternatives, methods of assessment, procedures for preventing pollution and the rationale for sea disposal of vessels for consideration by the Scientific Group.

2 FURTHER REQUESTS the Organization in its role as Secretariat to the London Convention 1972 to compile existing and requested information specified in paragraph 1 for further consideration by the Scientific Group.

3 REQUESTS the Scientific Group within five years from the adoption of this resolution to review the adequacy of existing international provisions for sea disposal of vessels and report to the Consultative Meeting.