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RESOLUTION LDC.18(8)

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SCIENTIFIC GROUP ON DUMPING

THE EIGHTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

REAFFIRMING that international action to control the pollution of the sea by the disposal of wastes at sea can and must be taken without delay,

NOTING Article XIV(4)(b) of the London Dumping Convention concerning the role of scientific bodies,

RECOGNIZING the need for continuing scientific and technical review of issues considered by the Consultative Meeting,

FURTHER RECOGNIZING the need for the Consultative Meeting to be kept informed of scientific developments relative to the disposal of wastes at sea,

CONSIDERING therefore that there is a continuing requirement for deliberations of the Scientific Group on Dumping,

NOTING FURTHER Resolution 7(IV) by which the Fourth Consultative Meeting adopted the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Scientific Group on Dumping,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the recommendations of Task Team 2000 (LDC 8/4) established by the Sixth Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties,

ADOPTS the terms of reference for this Group as set out in the Annex to this Resolution to supersede those contained in Resolution 7(IV).

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The Scientific Group on Dumping is established to provide timely advice to the Consultative Meeting on scientific and technical matters related to the implementation of the Convention. The Scientific Group shall meet at least once in each intersessional period. The Chairman of the Scientific Group shall report on its activities at each Consultative Meeting and bring forward for consideration any recommendations the Group may have.

In accomplishing its overall mission the Scientific Group is required to do the following:

- .1 respond to specific requests from the Consultative Meeting for scientific advice on matters related to the Convention;
- .2 keep under continuing review the provisions of the Annexes to the Convention and recommend to the Consultative Meeting such changes as may be appropriate from an examination of available scientific and technical information and prepare, as needed, guidance on the interpretation and implementation of the Annexes to the Convention;
- .3 review relevant scientific information, particularly that arising from new scientific and technological developments (with respect to newly synthesized compounds, newly discovered hazards of existing substances and new techniques for waste treatment and disposal) and prepare for distribution by the Secretariat reports on such matters as may be relevant to the Contracting Parties in implementing the Convention;
- .4 prepare and maintain a list of hazardous substances or groups of substances to which particular attention should be paid, and, when sufficient scientific evidence has accumulated to warrant amendments to the Annexes to the Convention, to prepare recommendations for such amendments and submit them to the Consultative Meeting for action;
- .5 develop guidelines for planning monitoring programmes to assess the health of the oceans to encourage the development of monitoring programmes by Contracting Parties either acting individually or in co-operation;
- .6 maintain an awareness of the impacts on the marine environment of inputs from all waste sources and draw to the attention of the Consultative Meeting any emerging or worsening problems; and
- .7 recommend to the Consultative Meeting the calling of special scientific conferences or symposia to review specific wastes or waste treatment and disposal technologies.

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