ANNEX 2

RESOLUTION LDC.30(11)

PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN MEETINGS OF THE LONDON DUMPING CONVENTION

THE ELEVENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

RECOGNIZING the value of open discussion and exchange of information on matters relating to the protection of the marine environment,

NOTING the London Dumping Convention Rules of Procedure numbers 3 and 4 relating to the participation of observers in meetings of the Contracting Parties,

RECALLING the important contributions made by non-governmental international organizations to the purposes and objectives of the London Dumping Convention,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the need to ensure that non-governmental international organizations act in a manner consistent with the basic purposes of the Convention and its rules governing the participation of such organizations,

RECALLING FURTHER the request of the Tenth Consultative Meeting for the Chairman to review during the intersessional period all aspects governing participation by non-governmental international organizations relating to the Convention,

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the Chairman submitted to the Eleventh Consultative Meeting,

ADOPTS the following guidance relating to the participation of such organizations:

The observer status of non-governmental international organizations shall be governed by rules 3 and 4 of the London Dumping Convention Rules of Procedure, the procedures adopted by the Sixth Consultative Meeting on the participation of non-governmental international organizations as shown in Annex to this resolution, and any other rules and procedures agreed to in the future by the Consultative Meeting.

The IMO Rules Governing Relationship with Non-Governmental International Organizations, the IMO Guidelines on the Grant of Consultative Status, and IMO practice regarding these principles, shall provide guidance with respect to the participation, the granting of observer status, the withdrawal of this status and the rights and obligations of observers.

Further, non-governmental international organizations shall:

1 keep delegation size to the minimum necessary to make a constructive contribution to the meeting;

2 refrain from using the forum of the Consultative Meeting, the Scientific Group on Dumping, or any other meeting of the organs of the Consultative Meeting, for the purpose of demonstrations or the distribution of material which is detrimental to the meetings, as determined by the Chairmen of such meetings;

3 refrain from communicating with the media on any agenda item under discussion at a meeting in a manner prejudicial to the discussions; and

4 respect any specific requirements agreed to by the Contracting Parties relating to the participation of non-governmental international organizations at a meeting of Contracting Parties or any other organ established under the London Dumping Convention.

The Consultative Meeting, or any other meeting of organs established within the framework of the London Dumping Convention may, at any time, decide to take appropriate action in strict accordance with the existing Rules of Procedure of the Convention if in the opinion of a meeting the conduct of any non-governmental international organization is contrary to the rules and guidelines relating to its participation.

ANNEX

PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING AND THE SCIENTIFIC GROUP ON DUMPING
(as adopted by the Sixth Consultative Meeting (LDC VI/12, paragraph 1.8))

1 Non-governmental international organizations wishing to participate in any meeting of the Consultative Meeting and the Scientific Group on Dumping shall submit to the Secretariat in writing a request for participation, at least three months in advance of the opening day of the meeting.

2 The acceptance or rejection of any such request made by organizations shall be decided by the "Bureau", consisting of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairmen and the Secretary.

3 The "Bureau" shall decide whether written material submitted by the organizations accepted under paragraph 2 above should be circulated to the Meeting.

4 Oral statements by observers from these organizations shall be permitted only after prior approval by the Chairman.

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