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RESOLUTION LDC.38(12)
A LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR THE LONDON DUMPING CONVENTION

THE TWELFTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

NOTING the Task Team 2000 report presented to the Eighth Consultative Meeting, and the Chairman's report on a long-term strategy presented to the Twelfth Consultative Meeting,

ACKNOWLEDGING the dynamic nature of the Convention, and the need to consider new advances in science and technology, and the evolving environmental policies of Contracting Parties,

RECOGNIZING the continued vigilance required to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention,

MINDFUL OF the importance of expanding membership in the Convention,

AWARE OF the need to provide technical assistance to developing countries,

NOTING FURTHER the need for increased international co-operation on the scientific and institutional aspects of marine environmental protection,

CALLING ATTENTION to the proposed 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and other upcoming international environmental initiatives,

AGREES to conduct a study on a long-range strategy for the Convention, taking full account of the conclusions and recommendations of the Task Team 2000 report, and

AGREES to hold a meeting of a steering group to establish priorities and assign tasks, using the attached annex and comments from the Twelfth Consultative Meeting as a basis for discussion. These studies will be compiled into a report to be presented to the Thirteenth Consultative Meeting.

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Terms of Reference

1 To evaluate the current status of the Convention taking into account its basic purposes and principles, membership, technical co-operation and assistance, relation with other organizations and conventions, and image.

2 To evaluate implementation of the London Dumping Convention, identify any problems and their underlying causes, and make appropriate recommendations.

3 To identify, analyse and compare, different strategic directions and options for the London Dumping Convention which would contribute to the overall protection of the environment. This would take account of measures and developments under existing international agreements and ongoing developments for the protection of the global and regional environments.

4 To draw up recommendations on the future development of the Convention in the light of the benefits and opportunities identified.

5 To take account as a matter of priority of the basic principles and purposes of the Convention as well as of the factors and topics outlined below:

Status of the Convention

.1 acceptance of existing instruments (e.g. dispute settlement procedures) by Contracting Parties;

.2 expanded membership;

.3 relationship with other international organizations and international conventions; and

.4 Convention's public image;

Effective implementation:

.1 adequacy of existing rules and guidance;

.2 adequacy of present scientific/technical foundation for decisions;

.3 adequacy of existing institutional infrastructure for implementation;

.4 mechanisms for scientific, technical, and administrative assistance;

.5 national and international enforcement mechanisms;

.6 science/policy interface;

.7 resources;

.8 remedial measures (e.g. recovery of dumped wastes); and

.9 recommendations.

New directions:

.1 implications of evolving national environmental policies for the London Dumping Convention;

.2 scope of the Convention, e.g. expansion to include land-based sources;

.3 role of the Convention with respect to overall waste management;

.4 relationship of the Convention to evolving international environmental agenda (climate change, biological diversity, coastal pollution, etc.);

.5 information and advice from other relevant international agencies;

.6 new co-operative enforcement mechanisms;

.7 technical assistance;

.8 precautionary approach; and

.9 recommendations.

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