ANNEX 5

RESOLUTION LC.47(15)

STATUS OF INCINERATION OF NOXIOUS LIQUID WASTES AT SEA

THE FIFTEENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

RECALLING Article I of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter which states that Contracting Parties shall individually and collectively promote the effective control of all sources of pollution of the marine environment,

RECALLING ALSO resolutions LDC.35(11) and LDC.39(13) on the status of incineration of noxious liquid wastes at sea,

RECALLING FURTHER UNCED's encouragement to the Contracting Parties to take appropriate steps to stop ocean dumping and incineration of hazardous substances,

REAFFIRMING that incineration at sea is an interim method of waste disposal,

RECOGNIZING that Contracting Parties should give priority to no waste and low waste technology within the hierarchy of waste management,

NOTING that the incineration at sea of noxious liquid wastes by Contracting Parties ceased at the beginning of 1991 and that all incineration vessels were decommissioned,

NOTING ALSO that no new information related to this issue was submitted to the fifteenth meeting of the Scientific Group and that the Scientific Group therefore was not in a position to re-evaluate the scientific and technical aspects of incineration at sea as requested by resolution LDC.39(13),

NOTING FURTHER that information on existing environmentally sound land-based options is available from, inter alia, the Oslo Commission,

AWARE that some Contracting Parties might face difficulties in finding methods for environmentally sound management of their industrial wastes and that the Global Waste Survey should assist them in this regard,

NOTING the conclusion at the fifteenth meeting of the Scientific Group that no new information on the incineration of noxious liquid wastes at sea was expected to be forthcoming,

AGREES:

1 to prohibit incineration at sea of noxious liquid wastes from 31 December 1992;

2 that Contracting Parties take upon themselves to consider favourably requests for technical or scientific assistance, including transfer of relevant publicly available information, based on the outcome of the Global Waste Survey.

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