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RESOLUTION LDC Res.10(V)

PROCEDURE FOR PREPARATION AND CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES TO THE LONDON DUMPING CONVENTION

THE FIFTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

NOTING Article XIV(4)(a) and (b) of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter concerning the function of the Consultative Meeting on the review and adoption of amendments to Annexes to the Convention in collaboration with an appropriate scientific body,

RECOGNIZING that, whilst Annexes to the Convention may need to be amended from time to time, each Contracting Party requires sufficient time to consider both the implications and the detailed wording of any proposed amendment,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that frequent amendments to annexes may cause procedural and administrative difficulties for Contracting Parties in accepting and implementing such amendments,

ADOPTS the procedure for the preparation and consideration of amendments to Annexes to the Convention as set out in the Annex to this Resolution,

INVITES Contracting Parties to implement the above procedure.

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1 Any amendment to an Annex to the Convention proposed by a Contracting Party will be referred to the Ad Hoc Scientific Group (or any other appropriate Expert Group) for consideration from a scientific point of view.

2 The Ad Hoc Scientific Group (or any other appropriate Expert Group) will bring forward to a Consultative Meeting for consideration any proposed amendment it regards as desirable from a scientific point of view.

3 Any proposed amendment which will be brought forward to a Consultative Meeting for consideration shall be circulated to all Contracting Parties at least three months prior to the Consultative Meeting.

4 Any Consultative Meeting may approve an amendment to the Annexes to the Convention in principle by a two-thirds majority and designate a future Consultative Meeting at which the amendment will be considered with a view to formal adoption.

5 When an amendment has been adopted in principle, the Secretary-General shall circulate the amendment to all Contracting Parties:

.1 notifying them of the designated Consultative Meeting at which the amendment will be considered with a view to formal adoption;

.2 inviting them to implement the amendment on a voluntary basis; and

.3 requesting them to indicate in writing if they do not expect to be in a position to adopt the amendment at the designated Consultative Meeting.

6 In general designated Consultative Meetings for formal adoption of amendments should not be scheduled more frequently than every third year.

7 In exceptional circumstances any Consultative Meeting may, if it regards such action as urgent, consider the immediate formal adoption of proposed amendments submitted in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

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