

ANNEX 7

RESOLUTION LDC.46(14)

LIAISON WITH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

THE FOURTEENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

RECALLING Article I of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter 1972 (the London Dumping Convention), which states that Contracting Parties shall individually and collectively promote the effective control of all sources of pollution of the marine environment,

RECALLING ALSO Article II of the Convention requesting Contracting Parties to take effective measures individually and collectively to prevent marine pollution caused by dumping and to harmonize their policies in this regard,

RECALLING FURTHER Article VIII by which Contracting Parties with common interests to protect the marine environment in a given geographical area shall endeavour to enter into regional agreements consistent with this Convention for the prevention of pollution, especially by dumping, and that Contracting Parties shall seek to co-operate with the Parties to regional agreements in order to develop harmonized procedures to be followed by Contracting Parties to the different agreements concerned,

RECOGNIZING that the functions of the Consultative Meeting pursuant to Article XIV (4) include the continuing review of the implementation of the Convention by inter-alia promoting co-operation with and between regional organizations concerned with the prevention of marine pollution,

HAVING NOTED the report of its Steering Group on a Long-term Strategy for the London Dumping Convention which emphasizes that more geographical areas should be covered by regional agreements on the prevention of marine pollution, especially by dumping,

HAVING NOTED FURTHER the recommendations of its Task Team 2000 that the linkages between the Consultative Meeting and other organizations dealing with marine pollution should be strengthened, that the dialogue amongst representatives of regional and global bodies on the prevention and control of marine pollution should be increased, and that the harmonization of control procedures and principles should be encouraged between the London Dumping Convention and other international agreements on marine pollution prevention,

REAFFIRMING the important role of regional organizations in the protection of the marine environment and the importance of good co-operation between Consultative Meetings and such regional bodies,

REAFFIRMING FURTHER its recommendation addressed to the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (resolution LDC.40(13)) that a global mechanism to co-ordinate the protection of the marine environment from pollution from all sources should be considered; that the adoption, implementation and enforcement of more stringent national and regional controls and the active pursuit of technological and economic measures, such as clean production methods, should be actively pursued; and that all States which have not yet done so should ratify or accede to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter,

ACKNOWLEDGING the role of the Office for the London Dumping Convention created by the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), to further the effective implementation of the Convention.

1 INVITES regional organizations established under regional agreements for the protection of the marine environment to support actively initiatives taken within the framework of the London Dumping Convention to promote the effective control all sources of pollution of the marine environment and in particular to take effective measures to prevent marine pollution caused by dumping,

2 ENCOURAGES regional organizations to be represented at Consultative Meetings and meetings of subsidiary bodies and to inform the respective meetings of the measures taken for the protection of the marine environment within the framework of their regional agreements, including achievements made in the field of monitoring the condition of their regional sea areas and relevant scientific research,

3 REQUESTS Contracting Parties to support the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in its efforts to increase the number of areas covered by regional action plans, to ratify or accede to legal instruments developed under regional action plans and to effectively implement requirements of action plans that are in operation,

4 DIRECTS the Office for the London Dumping Convention of IMO to enhance co-operation with regional organizations and with UNEP's Oceans and Coastal Areas Programme Activity Centre (OCA/PAC) to encourage the harmonization of principles and control procedures between regional agreements on the protection of the marine environment and the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter,

5 INVITES:

- (a) the Executive Director of UNEP to bring this resolution to the attention of the Governing Council of UNEP and to urge countries that are not yet Contracting Parties to the London Dumping Convention, in particular those countries that are Contracting Parties to a regional convention, to ratify or accede to the Convention as soon as possible or to inform the Secretary-General of IMO of any specific problems they may have and assistance they may require in implementing the Convention,
- (b) the Executive Heads of regional bodies established for the protection of the marine environment to inform their membership of the above.
