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RESOLUTION LC.57(21)
ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SCIENTIFIC GROUP

THE TWENTY-FIRST CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

NOTING that substantial changes had been made to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (London Convention 1972) with the adoption in 1993 of the amendments to its Annexes I and II, concerning phasing out sea disposal of industrial waste (resolution LC.49(16)), the prohibition of incineration at sea of industrial waste and sewage sludge (resolution LC.50(16)) and the prohibition of disposal at sea of radioactive wastes and other radioactive matter (resolution LC.51(16));

NOTING ALSO the adoption of the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention 1972 which prohibits the dumping of any wastes or other matter, with the exception of those wastes or other matter listed in Annex 1 to this Protocol;

BEING AWARE of the importance of technical co-operation and assistance for the effective implementation of the Convention (resolution LC.55(SM));

RECOGNIZING that in light of these changes several elements of the terms of reference of the Scientific Group were no longer relevant since these had been adopted in 1984 by the Eighth Consultative Meeting (resolution LDC.18(8)), whereas other elements should be added;

1 **ADOPTS** the terms of reference of the Scientific Group as set out in the Annex to this resolution to supersede those contained in resolution LDC.18(8);

2 **REVOKES** resolution LDC.18(8).

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The Scientific Group is responsible for the provision of scientific and technical advice in relation to the London Convention 1972 and the 1996 Protocol thereto. Its advice should meet the needs of, and be accessible to, all existing and potential Contracting Parties, recognizing their social, cultural and economic diversity.

The specific Terms of Reference are:

1 to respond to specific requests from the Consultative Meeting for scientific and technical advice on matters related to the Convention and the Protocol;

2 to keep under continuing review the provisions of the Annexes to the Convention and the Protocol and to recommend to the Consultative Meeting such changes as may be appropriate;

3 to identify information sources and to review relevant scientific information, particularly that arising from new scientific and technological developments;

4 to consider developments in waste management, source control, clean production, monitoring and surveillance techniques and to prepare reports and recommendations, as appropriate;

5 to evaluate the scientific, technical and compliance aspects of dumping, monitoring and other assessment reports submitted by Contracting Parties, and to advise the Consultative Meeting on that evaluation, as appropriate;

6 to maintain an awareness of all sources of marine pollution, to identify opportunities for the Scientific Group to co-operate on environmental protection issues with other international and regional initiatives, to draw the attention of the Consultative Meeting to areas of potential co-operation and, subject to the guidance of the Consultative Meeting, to engage in such co-operation;

7 to recommend to the Consultative Meeting the organization and conduct of scientific conferences, workshops or symposia relevant to the Convention and the Protocol;

8 to assist with the development of, and to keep under review, the Technical Co-operation and Assistance Programme, including individual projects, and to advise the Consultative Meeting as appropriate.

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