ANNEX 7

RESOLUTION LC.58(25)

ON THE PROMOTION OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION TO THE 1996 PROTOCOL TO THE LONDON CONVENTION 1972 TO THE MEMBER STATES OF IMO

(Agenda item 10)

THE TWENTY-FIFTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING

RECALLING the adoption of the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (hereinafter referred to as the "1996 Protocol"),

NOTING that only eighteen States are signatories to the 1996 Protocol and that at 10 October 2003 only seventeen of the twenty-six States required under Article 25 of the 1996 Protocol have become party to it,

NOTING ALSO the importance of implementation of the London Convention 1972 and of promotion of the 1996 Protocol to the Member States of IMO,

ACKNOWLEDGING that IMO is the Administrative Organization of both the London Convention 1972 and the 1996 Protocol,

RECOGNIZING the knowledge and expertise in waste management and marine environmental assessment offered by the London Convention 1972 and the 1996 Protocol,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the common objectives of relevant IMO Conventions, the London Convention 1972 and the 1996 Protocol regarding technical co-operation and assistance, the protection and sustainable use of the marine environment, and response to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002),

DESIRING to promote ratification or accession by States of the 1996 Protocol, in particular all Member States of IMO and States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that are not Contracting States to the 1996 Protocol,

INVITES the Assembly, convened at its 23rd session in 2003, to bring the 1996 Protocol to the attention of all Member States of IMO not yet party to it by noting the contribution to sustainable development afforded by the entry into force of the 1996 Protocol.

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