

ANNEX 5

RESOLUTION LDC.26(10)

AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX III TO THE LONDON DUMPING CONVENTION

THE TENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

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

NOTING that in accordance with Article XV of the Convention amendments to the Annexes of the Convention shall be based on scientific or technical considerations,

HAVING CONSIDERED the proposed amendments to Annex III of the Convention and the scientific background material thereto brought forward by the Scientific Group on Dumping,

NOTING that a number of wastes which have been proposed for dumping at sea were ill-defined and that problems have been encountered when assessing the impact of such wastes to marine life and human health,

EMPHASIZING the need for careful consideration of all the factors set forth in Annex III, including characteristics and composition of the matter to be dumped:

1. AGREES to approve in principle the inclusion in Annex III, section A of following text:

"In issuing a permit for dumping, Contracting Parties should consider whether an adequate scientific basis exists concerning characteristics and composition of the matter to be dumped to assess the impact of the matter to marine life and to human health",

2. INVITES Contracting Parties do implement the amendment on a voluntary basis,
3. INVITES further Contracting Parties to indicate in writing to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization if they do not expect to be in a position to adopt formally the amendment at the Consultative Meeting designated for formal adoption, and
4. DESIGNATES the Twelfth Consultative Meeting to be held in 1989 for formal adoption of the above amendment.
