ANNEX 7

RESOLUTION LDC.35(11)

STATUS OF INCINERATION OF NOXIOUS LIQUID WASTES AT SEA

THE ELEVENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

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

REAFFIRMING that incineration at sea is an interim method of waste disposal, and RECOGNIZING that Contracting Parties should give priority to no waste and low waste technology within the hierarchy of waste management,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Scientific Group on Dumping has considered the report of the Joint LDC/OSCOM Group of Experts on Incineration at Sea (LDC/OSCOM/IAS 2/9) and advised the Eleventh Consultative Meeting that the information available provides an adequate basis to assess the environmental acceptability and safety of incineration at sea, and recognizing the need to continue to improve the controls and environmental safeguards in the use of incineration at sea,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the concerns of several Contracting Parties that incineration at sea, as a means of disposal of noxious liquid wastes which may contain highly toxic substances, is considered to represent subsequent risks of marine and atmospheric pollution,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the potential risk of interference with other legitimate uses of the sea which could arise from incineration operations at sea,

NOTING the need to urge States, which have not previously carried out incineration operations at sea, that instead of starting such operations alternatives to incineration at sea should be considered and that particular

attention should be given to developing land-based alternatives, providing they are safer and environmentally more acceptable,

AGREES

1 to take all steps possible to minimize or substantially reduce the use of marine incineration of noxious liquid wastes by 1 January 1991;

2 that Contracting Parties shall re-evaluate incineration at sea of noxious liquid wastes as early in 1992 as possible with a view to proceeding towards the termination of this practice by 31 December 1994. The re-evaluation shall take into account the scientific and technical aspects of incineration at sea, and the practical availability of safer and environmentally more acceptable land-based alternatives. The re-evaluation shall also take into account any other related information that may be brought forward, with particular attention given to the Oslo Commission experience while phasing out incineration at sea;

3 that Contracting Parties shall not export noxious liquid wastes intended for incineration at sea to any State not Party to the Convention, nor allow their disposal in other ways harmful to the environment;

4 that it is preferable that noxious liquid wastes from coastal States which are to be incinerated at sea be loaded in a harbour of the country from which they originate, and under full control of such a country, instead of being exported to another country; and

5 to employ the revised interim technical guidelines on incineration at sea (resolution LDC.33(11)), reflecting the most recent scientific advice in this field, and the new Guidelines to Annex III C4 (resolution LDC.32(11)) setting out the necessary consideration relevant to the use of incineration at sea.

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