

ANNEX 4

RESOLUTION LDC .15(7)

THE NEED FOR CLARIFYING THE INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE III OF  
THE LONDON DUMPING CONVENTION IN RELATION TO DISPOSAL OF  
HIGH-LEVEL RADIO-ACTIVE AND OTHER HAZARDOUS WASTES IN THE SEA-BED

THE SEVENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

RECOGNIZING that the marine environment and the living resources of the sea are of vital importance to all nations,

RECOGNIZING that the London Dumping Convention plays a decisive role as a means of protecting the marine environment,

CONSIDERING that sea dumping of high-level radio-active waste and other hazardous wastes is prohibited under the Convention,

NOTING that the Nuclear Energy Agency of the OECD has initiated a programme of research and development in the field of sea-bed disposal of high-level radio-active waste,

RECALLING the definition of the term "dumping" in Article III of the London Dumping Convention,

ACKNOWLEDGING the responsibility of the Contracting Parties in securing compliance with the provisions of the Convention,

AWARE of the need for the eventual clarification of the circumstances under which sea-bed disposal of high-level radio-active and other hazardous wastes would be contrary to the provisions of the Convention,

1 DECIDES to convene an intersessional meeting of legal experts under the Convention for this purpose;

2 INVITES all Contracting Parties, as well as observers from intergovernmental bodies involved, to participate in the meeting;

3 INVITES the expert meeting to report to the Eighth Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties on its discussions, conclusions and the recommendations it may wish to make on the basis of the conclusions;

4 INVITES the Eighth Consultative Meeting to take any further steps it might find appropriate on the basis of the report from the intersessional expert meeting.

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