

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES
AND OTHER MATTER — LONDON, 1972

First meeting of Contracting Parties — London, 17-19 December 1975

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The following countries have notified the United Nations
Secretary-General of their intention to participate in the
first meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on the
Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter
at London, 17-19 December 1975.

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

MEETING to decide on organisational matters as required by Article XIV(1) of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter;

NOTING that Article XIV(2) of that Convention requires them to designate a competent organisation to be responsible for Secretariat duties in relation to the Convention, and in particular the duties set out in paragraph 3 of that Article;

BEING AWARE that Resolution A.242(VII) of the Seventh Session of the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization requested the appropriate organs of that Organization to implement any decisions which might be taken by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment entrusting responsibilities to that Organization, including functions in respect of the control of the dumping of shore-generated waste by ships or other craft operating in the marine environment;

BEING AWARE ALSO that Resolution A.297(VIII) of the Eighth Session of the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization established a Marine Environment Protection Committee as a permanent subsidiary body of that Assembly with functions which include assisting that

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Organization in its consultations with other bodies within the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Environment Programme, and with other international organizations and expert bodies in the field of marine pollution;

RECOGNISING the importance of consultations with other bodies within the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Environment Programme, and with other international organisations and expert bodies in the field of marine pollution, for the efficient implementation of the Convention;

HAVING NOTED that Resolution A.369(IX) of the Ninth Session of the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization included provisions in the Budget of that Organization for the Secretariat staff and other facilities necessary for that Organization to convene and service the consultative meetings of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter, if that Organization were designated under the provisions of Article XIV(2) of that Convention;

RECOGNISE that the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization is a competent Organization within the meaning of Article XIV of the Convention;

DESIGNATE the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to be responsible for Secretariat duties in relation to the Convention;

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And REQUEST the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to assume these Secretariat duties as soon as the business of the present meeting of Contracting Parties has been concluded.