

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

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RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE WORKING GROUP

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,

FURTHER NOTING the statement of the Secretary General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to the effect that the Assembly of that Organization has authorised him to accept on behalf of the Organization responsibility pertaining to the dumping of wastes and other matter at sea and has made budgetary provision for that Organization to assume the Secretariat duties provided for in that Convention if that Organization were designated under the provisions of Article XIV (2) of that Convention;

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;

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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;

REQUEST the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to assume Secretariat duties in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention as soon as the business of the present meeting of the Contracting Parties has been concluded and to discharge them pursuant to further directions agreed upon at the meetings of the Contracting Parties;

AND FURTHER REQUEST the United Nations Environment Programme to provide as appropriate assistance requested by the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization or by the meetings of the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Convention.