



## IMCO

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
MARINE POLLUTION, 1973

### Statement of the Delegation of Chile

The President circulates herewith the text of a letter which he has received from the delegation of Chile.

Mr. S.V. BHAVE  
President of the IMCO  
International Conference 1973,  
London.

Sir,

The Delegation of Chile at the International Conference for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, has noticed with surprise that the Delegation of Cuba has circulated a declaration in this Conference in which it refuses to accept that my Delegation represents the people of Chile and objects to our presence.

Such an unusual declaration in a meeting of a specialized Organization such as IMCO is not really a matter of anxiety for my Delegation since an intervention of this nature constitutes a disqualification, both moral and according to the rules, of the Delegation of Cuba and because my Delegation is quite certain that it will not be listened to nor have any practical effect, except that a Delegation such as that of Cuba has by its declaration sullied the honourable purposes for which we have met in this Conference.

My Delegation asserts that this Conference is not a political but a specialized meeting and consequently it will not allow itself to take part in the manoeuvres planned by the Cuban Delegation. If we were to accept a proceeding so contrary to the practice of IMCO, the Delegation of Chile would then have its true reasons for denying on its part the representative character of the Cuban Delegation. If the Cuban Delegation continues the malpractice of interfering in the domestic affairs of other countries, on this occasion the affairs of Chile, my Delegation will refrain, out of respect for the fundamental purposes of this Conference and the distinguished Delegations which are attending it.

Mr. President, the Delegation of Chile is united in rejecting entirely the Declaration of Cuba and feels obliged to submit to you, Sir, an energetic protest that the Secretariat should have circulated as an official document of the Conference, a Declaration, lacking all reason, of the Cuban Delegation, which has absolutely no connexion with the purposes or scope of this meeting.

The Delegation of Chile, therefore, requests, Mr. President, that the relevant explanations should be made and that, in any case, in accordance with the right of reply that this note from my Delegation should be published under the same conditions and given the same publicity as the Declaration of the Cuban Delegation.

Please, accept ...

Signed: OSCAR BUZETA  
Vice-Admiral  
Representative of Chile.

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