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Statement of the Delegation of Cuba

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

London, 18 October 1973
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ANNIVERSARY"

Mr. S.V. Bhave, Fresident of the IMCO International Conference 1973, London.

Sir,

The Delegation of Cuba at the International Conference for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, has taken due note of the letter addressed to you by the Chief Representative of the Fascist Military Junta of Chile which was circulated in document MP/CONF/12 among the participants in the Conference. The Representative of the Fascist Junta claims to condemn our refusal to accept his spurious representation and, for his part, makes a protest to the Secretariat for having circulated document MP/CONF/11 containing our statement.

It is not the intention of this delegation to enter into a controversy with the Representatives of that Fascist Junta, which was responsible for the assassination of the freely and lawfully elected Constitutional President of Chile, Dr. Salvador Allende, and for other notorious crimes, and which claims to represent Chile at this honourable Conference in spite of the fact that the régime which has accredited them has been repudiated and condemned by the public opinion of the whole world and by the international community.

Bearing in mind their attitude, <u>sui generis</u>, we are not surprised that these Fascist representatives have accused the Secretariat of having acted wrongly in circulating our statement as an official document of the Conference on the pretext that this Conference is not a political but a specialized meeting.

Such claims lack foundation, since our delegation is entitled to repudiate those who do not possess the requisite qualifications for participation in this Conference and the Secretariat acted correctly in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

We trust that you, Sir, will take the necessary action to have this note circulated under the same conditions as you did in the case of document MP/CONF/12.

Please accept

Signed: DR. JUAN G. LOPEZ GARCIA Head of the Cuban Delegation