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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MARINE POLLUTION, 1973
Agenda item 10

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE
CONFERENCE AND ANY INSTRUMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS
AND RESOLUTIONS RESULTING FROM ITS WORK

Draft Resolutions relating to the prevention
and control of marine pollution

Attached hereto are the texts of the following draft Resolutions:

- Resolution 1 - Implementation of the 1969 Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954;
- Resolution 2 - Development of scientific information on water quality criteria;
- Resolution 3 - Recommendation concerning the Convention provisions relating to the carriage in bulk of noxious substances other than oil;
- Resolution 4 - Procedures and arrangements to control the discharge of noxious substances carried in bulk;
- Resolution 5 - Recommendation concerning the prevention of pollution by solid noxious substances carried in bulk;
- Resolution 6 - Recommendation concerning the prevention of pollution by liquefied or compressed gases carried in bulk;

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Resolution 7 - Recommendation concerning the prevention of pollution
by harmful substances carried by sea in packaged form,
or in cargo containers or in portable tanks.

The Conference is invited to consider and adopt the above Resolutions in
the light of the finally agreed text of the International Convention for the
Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION 1

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1969 AMENDMENTS TO THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION
OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954

THE CONFERENCE,

NOTING its main objectives as set out in Resolution A.237(VII) adopted by the Assembly of the Organization on 12 October 1971, as being the achievement, by 1975 if possible but certainly by the end of the decade, of the complete elimination of the wilful and intentional pollution of the seas by oil and noxious substances other than oil and the minimization of accidental spillages,

NOTING FURTHER Recommendation 86 of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment 1972 which called upon Governments to participate fully in the present Conference as well as in other efforts with a view to bringing all significant sources of pollution within the marine environment under appropriate controls, including in particular, the complete elimination of deliberate pollution by oil from ships with the goal of achieving this by the middle of the present decade,

RECOGNIZING the importance of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, as being the first international instrument to be concluded with the prime objective of protecting the environment, and appreciating the significant contribution which that Convention has made in preserving the seas and coastal environment from pollution,

NOTING the Amendments to that Convention, set out in Resolution A.175(VI) adopted by the Assembly of the Organization on 21 October 1969, and considering that the implementation of those amendments would be a major step towards the complete elimination of oil pollution and would bring about a significant reduction in the total quantity of oil reaching the sea,

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DRAFT RESOLUTION 3

RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE CONVENTION PROVISIONS
RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE IN BULK OF NOXIOUS
SUBSTANCES OTHER THAN OIL

THE CONFERENCE,

HAVING NOTED the Regulations relating to the design, construction and equipment of chemical tankers contained in Annex II of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea from Ships, 1973, in particular Regulation 11(2) of that Annex by which Contracting Governments are obliged to issue, or to cause to be issued, detailed instructions on the design, construction and equipment of such chemical tankers in order to ensure compliance with Regulation 2(1) of that Annex,

NOTING FURTHER Regulation 11(3) of that Annex which requires that the detailed instructions shall contain at least all the provisions given in the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk ("the Bulk Chemical Code") adopted by the Assembly of the Organization on 12 October 1971 in Resolution A.212(VII),

NOTING ALSO that the Organization has prepared an approach to modification of the Bulk Chemical Code to include marine pollution prevention,

DESIRING the formulation of appropriate provisions for the carriage of noxious liquid chemicals in bulk in non-propelled vessels and in deep tanks of dry cargo ships,

RECOMMENDS that the Organization:

- (a) amends the Bulk Chemical Code as early as possible in order to include requirements necessary from the marine pollution prevention point of view;
- (b) keeps the Code under constant review with regard to prevention of marine pollution, taking into account both experience and future development of technology; and
- (c) develops with priority Codes for the carriage of noxious liquid chemicals in non-propelled vessels and in deep tanks of dry cargo ships.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION 4

PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISCHARGE OF
NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES INTO THE SEA

THE CONFERENCE,

HAVING ADOPTED, in pursuance of its main objectives, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, which, inter alia, contains in Annex II Regulations for the Control of Pollution by Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk,

NOTING in particular, Regulation 5 of Annex II by which the discharge of noxious liquid substances of Categories A, B and C or of ballast water, tank washings or other residues or mixtures containing such substances will be prohibited except in compliance with specified conditions including procedures and arrangements which shall be such as to assure the Administration that the criteria specified for each Category will be met,

DESIRING to facilitate international trade by ensuring, as far as possible, the uniform implementation of Annex II,

RECOMMENDS that the Organization should ensure that the necessary studies concerning the procedures and arrangements referred to in Regulation 5 of Annex II are undertaken with a view to providing a uniform basis for the guidance of Contracting Governments in approving them.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION 5

RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION BY NOXIOUS
SOLID SUBSTANCES CARRIED IN BULK

THE CONFERENCE,

NOTING that the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, contains in Annex II, Regulations for the control of pollution by noxious liquid substances in bulk which are framed to eliminate or minimize the intentional or accidental pollution by such substances,

RECOGNIZING a potential hazard to the marine environment which is also involved in the carriage of noxious solid substances in bulk by ships,

RECOGNIZING ALSO a possible need to formulate appropriate provisions for inclusion in the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973,

NOTING however that the present state of knowledge in this field has not advanced sufficiently to enable the Conference to formulate such provisions,

RECOMMENDS that:

- (a) the Organization pursue and encourage studies of the impact that the carriage of noxious solid substances in bulk by ships may have upon the marine environment and on the measures for minimizing the threat to the marine environment which arises from the carriage of such substances;
- (b) the results of such studies be directed towards the development of the appropriate provisions relating to the control of pollution by noxious solid substances carried in bulk for inclusion in the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973,

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INVITES Governments:

- (a) to forward reports of incidents involving noxious solid substances carried in bulk by ships to the Organization pending development of the regulations of the 1973 Convention;
- (b) to issue, or cause to be issued, such national instruction as may be necessary to minimize any harmful effect of transporting noxious solid substances in bulk on the environment.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION 6

RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF
POLLUTION BY LIQUEFIED OR COMPRESSED
GASES CARRIED IN BULK

THE CONFERENCE,

NOTING that the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, contains in Annex II regulations for the control of pollution by noxious liquid substances in bulk which are framed to eliminate or minimize the intentional or accidental pollution by such substances,

RECOGNIZING a potential hazard to the environment in general which is also involved in the carriage of liquefied or compressed gases in bulk by ships,

NOTING also that the Organization has under preparation a Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Liquefied or Compressed Gases in Bulk ("the Gas Carrier Code"),

RECOMMENDS THAT:

- (a) The Organization should use all its endeavours to bring the Gas Carrier Code to the earliest possible completion; and
- (b) Contracting Governments, following the finalization of the Gas Carrier Code, should issue or cause to be issued such national instructions as may be necessary to minimize any harmful effect of transporting liquefied or compressed gases in bulk on the environment.

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RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION BY
HARMFUL SUBSTANCES CARRIED BY SEA IN PACKAGED FORM,
CARGO CONTAINERS OR IN PORTABLE TANKS

THE CONFERENCE,

NOTING the Regulations set forth in Annex III of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, relating to the carriage of harmful substances by sea in packaged form, or in cargo containers or in portable tanks, in particular Regulation 1(3) of that Annex by which Contracting States are obliged to issue, or to cause to be issued, detailed instructions on packaging, marking and labelling, documentation, stowage, quantity limitations, jettisoning and leakages, incident reporting procedure, for preventing or minimizing pollution of the marine environment,

HAVING NOTED the Regulations relating to the safe carriage of dangerous goods by sea as set out in Chapter VII of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, in particular Regulation 1(d) of that Chapter by which Contracting Governments are obliged to issue, or cause to be issued, detailed instructions for the safe packing and stowage of specific dangerous goods or categories of dangerous goods which shall include any precautions necessary in relation to other cargo,

NOTING FURTHER the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code which was prepared in implementation of Recommendation 56 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, and has been recommended by the Organization as a uniform basis upon which Governments should formulate the national regulations envisaged in Chapter VII of the 1960 Safety Convention,

RECOGNIZING that provisions concerning substances discovered to be harmful to the marine environment must be specified and be complementary to those which have been adopted for the carriage of dangerous goods by sea,

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RECOMMENDS that:

- (a) the Organization pursue and encourage studies of the impact that the carriage of harmful substances by sea may have upon the marine environment;
- (b) the results of such studies be directed towards the revision of the scope of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code or the development of a harmful substance code,
 - (i) that takes into account substances that are harmful to the marine environment but which are not classed as dangerous goods;
 - (ii) the minimization of the threat to the marine environment that arises from the carriage by sea of the substances that will be enumerated in such codes; and
 - (iii) safety in maritime transport;
- (c) in such revision or development particular account be taken of:
 - (i) packaging,
 - (ii) marking and labelling,
 - (iii) documentation,
 - (iv) stowage,
 - (v) quantity limitations,
 - (vi) exceptions, and
 - (vii) arrangements for recovery;

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- (d) Contracting States consider adoption of the format of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code for the systematic development of regulations and standards for the carriage of harmful substances that represent a threat to the marine environment so as to ensure compatibility between safety requirements and provisions relating to pollution abatement; and
 - (e) such particulars as referred to above in this paragraph form the basis for the further development of the provisions of the Regulations contained in Annex III of the 1973 Convention.
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