NTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME



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## CONSIDERATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE MINIMIZATION OF ACCIDENTAL SPILLAGES OF OIL AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES OTHER THAN OIL FROM SHIPS

## Comments and proposals

Submitted by Romania

The Romanian delegation is deeply grateful for the opportunity to appreciate the significant contribution which IMCO carried out by its activity for the protection of the environment generally and marine environment particularly.

Taking into consideration that at the present Conference, the majority of attending States is formed by developing countries, the Romanian delegation considers it absolutely necessary that the future activity of IMCO should have in view a more close collaboration between the developing countries and the developed countries.

The Romanian delegation proposes, on the basis of the above mentioned purpose that IMCO should support and promote the exchange of technology among Contracting States (we are referring to the Contracting States of the present Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973). The technology, we mean, is that necessary for the implementation of the Convention. Also, IMCO should support in its future activity the achievement by cooperation of Contracting States, of new technology with which ships have to be provided according to the provisions of the Convention, and this achieved technology should be available to the concerned States.

The Romanian delegation appreciates that it is of particular present interest that IMCO should facilitate for all countries parties to the Convention, a permanent exchange of ideas and information in this field, as well as the education of specialists in the field of anti-pollution techniques.

This fair way of cooperation could create the possibility for an earlier implementation of the provisions of the Convention, the sooner the better for the whole of humanity.