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Submitted by the Baltic and International Maritime Conference

Having studied with interest the draft of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1973 and the written comments submitted by government delegations, BIMCO would like to highlight the importance of the references to "reception facilities" made in Annexes I, II, IV and V.

In order to enable ships to comply with the envisaged regulations, it is certainly of paramount importance that adequate reception facilities for residues, sewage and garbage be provided at all ports and that international standard shore connections be installed.

The regulations envisaged in the draft Convention make ships increasingly dependent on such shore installations and the non-availability of adequate facilities would make it virtually impossible for shipowners to comply with such a convention.

When referring to "adequate facilities", each port should, of course, ensure that installations be provided so as to ensure that delays and waiting time be avoided.
