



## IMCO

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
MARINE POLLUTION, 1973  
Committee 1  
Agenda item 3

CONSIDERATION OF THE ARTICLES OF THE DRAFT  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Philippine proposed amendment to  
Article 2 (4)(b)(ii)

Article 2 (4)(b)(ii) to be amended to read (changes are indicated by underlines):

- (ii) release of harmful substances directly arising from the exploration, exploitation and associated off-shore processing of sea-bed mineral resources, insofar as these activities have been approved and are necessary to assess the value of the area and to conduct other normal operations in the area.

Explanation:

This proposal attempts to reconcile the operations of ships, fixed and floating platforms in sea-bed mineral resources with the need to have a comprehensive convention on all types of marine environment activities. It gives those who would engage in sea-bed mineral activities the necessary leeway to conduct their activities, while at the same time preventing the possibility of excessive pollution incidents as a result of carelessness and neglect and a loophole in the present Convention.

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