



## IMCO

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Agenda item 3

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

Proposed amendment to Article 2(4)(b)(ii)

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Article 2(4)(b)(ii) should read as follows:

"The accidental release of harmful substances directly arising from the exploration, exploitation and associated off-shore processing of sea-bed mineral resources, provided that all reasonable precautions are taken."

#### Explanation

The purpose of this proposal is to prevent the pollution which results from deliberate neglect and the failure to take precautions, for such is the logical consequence of a desire to economise expenditure on the part of companies that specialise in this kind of activity.

The amendment thus aims at requiring these companies to employ up-to-date equipment, even if costly, and an experienced staff, conscious of its responsibilities, subject to penalties in the event of any breach.

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