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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT TEXT OF ANNEX I OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF
POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Proposed amendment to paragraph (3)(b)
of Regulation 12 (MP/CONF/C.2/WP.31/Rev.1)

Submitted by the Italian Delegation

We refer to the new text which has been submitted in document MP/CONF/C.2/WP.31/Rev.1 with regard to Regulation 12. The Italian Delegation regrets to inform the Chairman that it cannot accept the new text.

The Italian Delegation cannot agree that ships entering the Mediterranean should be granted more privileged treatment than ships operating along the coasts of that sea, nor can it run the risk that certain deballasting operations should, in fact, be carried out, either for meteorological or for economic reasons, in the waters of the Mediterranean.

The Italian Delegation, which together with the other countries concerned submitted the original text of Regulation 12, is firmly opposed to the privilege which has been established in the revised text of paragraph (3)(b) and reconfirmed in paragraph (6). It can only accept the new revised draft on condition that it is corrected as follows:

(b) After the words "while in a special area" the words "for the purpose of loading or repair ports" should be added. In the following line the words "or clean" should be added after the word "dirty", and the word "or" at the end of that line should be replaced by "and".

Only if this version is accepted can the Italian delegation envisage the retention of paragraph (6). However, the references in that paragraph to paragraphs (1)(a)(i) and (1)(b)(i), which are repetitious, should be deleted.
