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

CONSIDERATION OF ANY DRAFT RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO ANNEX I OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR PREVENTION OF POLLUTION  
FROM SHIPS, 1973

Draft Resolution: Development of Scientific Information  
on Water Quality Criteria

Submitted by the delegation of the United States of America

Overleaf is reproduced a revised draft Resolution concerning the development of scientific information on water quality criteria originally proposed by the United States delegation in document MP/CONF/5.

The new text takes into account the comments made by the Committee in considering that Resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ON  
WATER QUALITY CRITERIA

THE CONFERENCE,

RECOGNIZING that the capacity of the sea to assimilate pollutants and render them harmless is limited and that its ability to regenerate natural resources is also limited,

BELIEVING that the adequacy of measures taken to prevent pollution of the sea by substances that are liable to create hazards to human health, to harm marine life, to damage amenities or to interfere with other legitimate uses of the sea needs to be kept under review,

BELIEVING ALSO that there is a need to organize all interested competent organizations in establishing methods whereby the needs of the marine environment relative to water quality can be established, to identify the sources of pollution and to continually assess the various methods of controlling marine pollution for the development of new or more effective control measures where appropriate,

RECOMMENDS that the Organization should co-operate with other organizations and in particular with the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution (GESAMP) to achieve these aims whereby a first step might be to examine the methodology necessary to establish water quality criteria for the protection of the marine environment.

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