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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MARINE POLLUTION, 1973
Committee I

DRAFT TEXT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Text of the Preamble as agreed by the Committee

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION,*

BEING CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED to preserve the human environment in general and the marine environment in particular,

RECOGNIZING that deliberate, negligent or accidental release of oil and other harmful substances from ships constitutes a serious source of pollution,

RECOGNIZING the importance of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, as being the first multi-lateral instrument to be concluded with the prime objective of protecting the environment, and appreciating the significant contribution which that Convention has made in preserving the seas and coastal environment from pollution,

DESIRING to achieve the complete elimination of intentional pollution of the marine environment by oil and other harmful substances and the minimization of accidental discharge of such substances,

CONSIDERING that this object may best be achieved by establishing rules not limited to oil pollution having a universal purport,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

* The Committee agreed that this term should be used in the Preamble but, elsewhere in the Convention the term "Party(ies) to the Convention" should be used in place of "Contracting States" (see footnote to Article 1 (MP/CONF/DA/1/Rev.1)).