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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MARINE POLLUTION, 1973
Committee I

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

Texts of Articles 18, 19, 20 and 21 as agreed
by the Committee

Article 18

Denunciation

- (1) The present Convention or any optional Annex may be denounced by any Contracting State at any time after the expiry of five years from the date on which the Convention or such Annex enters into force for that State.
- (2) Denunciation shall be effected by notifications in writing to the Secretary-General of the Organization who shall inform all the other Contracting States of any such instrument received and of the date of its receipt.^{1/}
- (3) A denunciation shall take effect twelve months after receipt of the notification of denunciation by the Secretary-General of the Organization or after the expiry of any other longer period which may be indicated in the notification.

Article 19^{2/}

^{1/} See footnote ^{1/} in document MP/CONF/DA/9.

^{2/} Article 19 has been deleted from the Convention. Consequently the reference to Article 19(2) in Article 3 (MP/CONF/DA/2) should be deleted.

Article 20^{3/}

Deposit and Registration

(1) The present Convention shall be deposited with the Organization and the Secretary-General of the Organization shall transmit certified true copies thereof to all Signatory States and to all States which accede to the present Convention.

(2) As soon as the present Convention enters into force, the text shall be transmitted by the Secretary-General of the Organization to the Secretariat of the United Nations for registration and publication, in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article 21

Languages

The present Convention is established in a single copy in the English, Spanish and French languages, each text being equally authentic. Official translations in the Russian, Japanese and Arabic languages shall be prepared and deposited with the signed original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose have signed the present Convention.

DONE AT LONDON 1973.

(3) See footnote 1/ of MP/CONF/DA/9.