



## IMCO

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
MARINE POLLUTION, 1973  
Committee I

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

Text of draft resolutions relating to the Articles  
as agreed by the Committee

### DRAFT RESOLUTION 1

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1969 AMENDMENTS TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION  
OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954

THE CONFERENCE,

NOTING its main objectives as set out in Resolution A.237(VII) adopted by the Assembly of the Organization on 12 October 1971, as being the achievement, by 1975 if possible but certainly by the end of the decade, of the complete elimination of the wilful and intentional pollution of the seas by oil and harmful substances other than oil and the minimization of accidental spillages,

NOTING FURTHER Recommendation 86 of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment 1972 which called upon Governments to participate fully in the present Conference as well as in other efforts with a view to bringing all significant sources of pollution within the marine environment under appropriate controls, including in particular, the complete elimination of deliberate pollution by oil from ships with the goal of achieving this by the middle of the present decade,

RECOGNIZING the importance of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, as being the first multilateral 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,

NOTING the Amendments to that Convention, set out in Resolution A.175(VI) adopted by the Assembly of the Organization on 21 October 1969, and considering that the implementation of those amendments would be a major step towards the complete elimination of oil pollution and would bring about a significant reduction in the total quantity of oil reaching the sea,

BELIEVING THAT the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea from Ships, 1973, which was concluded by the present Conference will, when implemented, constitute a further important step towards the complete elimination of intentional pollution of the sea by harmful substances from ships,

BEING AWARE that some lapse of time will inevitably occur before the 1973 Convention can enter into force,

URGES Governments which have not yet accepted the 1969 Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, to do so as a matter of urgency without awaiting the entry into force of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

INFORMATION ON PENALTIES

THE CONFERENCE,

HAVING CONCLUDED the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973,

NOTING THAT the penalties which shall be specified under the laws of the Contracting States pursuant to Article 4 of this Convention must be adequate in severity to discourage violations of this Convention,

CONSIDERING that each State party to this Convention has the sole competence to provide suitable penalties under its own laws,

FURTHER NOTING that such penalties must be equally severe irrespective of where the violation occurs,

RECOMMENDS THAT IMCO make available to States participating in the present Conference, information which might be relevant in considering a scale of suitable penalties applicable pursuant to Article 4 of this Convention.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE COMPLETE  
ELIMINATION OF OIL POLLUTION FROM SHIPS

THE CONFERENCE,

HAVING CONCLUDED the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973;

AWARE of Recommendation 86(e) adopted by the UN Conference on the Human Environment recommending governments, within the framework of the International Conference on Marine Pollution, inter alia to strive towards complete elimination of deliberate pollution by oil from ships, with the goal of achieving this by the middle of the present decade;

NOTING that the Governing Council of UNEP at its first session has requested the Executive Director to urge IMCO to set a time-limit for the complete prohibition of intentional oil discharge in the seas;

CONSIDERING that the Convention and particularly the rules contained therein on the discharge of oil into the sea will be an important means of curbing pollution by oil from ships;

RECOGNIZING, however, that the Convention alone may not be sufficient for a satisfactory protection of the sea from pollution by oil from ships;

RECOMMENDS governments and other parties concerned to undertake concerted efforts, including the elaboration of additional regulations within the framework of IMCO, and the provision of the necessary reception facilities, to further reduce the discharge of oil from ships into the seas with a view to the complete elimination of intentional pollution as soon as possible;

INVITES IMCO to take all possible measures to assist governments in this task.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE CONFERENCE,

AWARE of the acuteness of the threat to the marine environment which vessel source pollution poses,

DETERMINED to combat this form of pollution on the basis of and in accordance with the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as adopted,

TAKING NOTE of Article 1, paragraph 1, of this Convention by which the Contracting States Parties undertake to give effect to the provisions of the present Convention and those Annexes thereto by which they are bound,

1. NOTES with particular interest Article 17 of the Convention which provides for a procedure accelerating the entry into force of amendments to Annexes and Appendices to the Convention;
2. REALIZES that the effectiveness of that amendment procedure largely depends on there being a procedure in the Contracting States for rapid approval of amendments;
3. URGES States to become Parties to the Convention as soon as possible and to give effect to later amendments thereto with the minimum of delay.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE CONFERENCE,

BEARING IN MIND that a United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea has been convened pursuant to Resolution 2750 C (XXV) of the General Assembly of the United Nations,

NOTING that, in accordance with the foregoing Resolution, International Law concerning marine pollution forms a part of the review of the Law of the Sea,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) to forward the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, to the Conference of the United Nations on the Law of the Sea, so that this Convention can be taken into account in the broader context of that Conference.

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