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### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION, 1973

#### ACTIVITIES IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS RELATING TO MARINE POLLUTION

#### The International Association of Ports and Harbors

The eighth Conference of the International Association of Ports and Harbors held in Amsterdam from 6-12 May 1973 adopted, inter alia, a Resolution relating to "Water Pollution in Port Areas" (Resolution No. 7), a copy of which is attached, expressing the views of IAPH on measures for eliminating the discharge of sewage into waters while ships are in port. This Resolution was brought to the attention of the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization. In view of its relationship to matters dealt with in Annex IV of the draft International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MP/CONF/4), the Committee decided to bring the Resolution to the attention of the Conference.

## RESOLUTION NO. 7

## THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBORS

RESOLUTION RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION  
IN PORT AREAS

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WHEREAS, THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBORS is strongly aware of the increasing general concern regarding pollution of waters in port areas; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that in many ports a major element in this concern relates to the discharge of sewage from ships; and

WHEREAS, certain of the methods now being adopted in dealing with the sewage of vessels require that accumulated sewage or effluent be pumped from ships to port reception facilities, either in certain circumstances or as routine, in order to preserve the quality of the waters concerned; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that a full solution of the problem for the ports affected will require the elimination of the practice of direct discharge of sewage from ships while in these ports; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBORS shall inform the INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION, first, that the Association considers it of the greatest importance that action be expedited to ensure that ships are fitted with apparatus which will eliminate the discharge of sewage into waters while in the port and, secondly, that, for the purpose of making efficient arrangements for the reception by appropriate authorities of accumulated sewage or treated effluent from ships where necessary, all ships which have tanks in which such sewage or effluent is accumulated should be provided with outlets from those tanks which are above the water-line and include standard fittings for hose connections; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBORS commends to those of its members who are desirous of taking positive action to promote the fitting of apparatus in ships to prevent the discharge of sewage into the waters of ports, consideration of the practicability of their instituting a compulsory port sanitary service for ships which are not fitted with such apparatus, all the expense of instituting and operating such a sanitary service to be recouped by imposition of an adequate rate or charge upon those ships; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to any other governmental or private agency or any legislator or other official as may be appropriate to effect the purposes of this resolution.

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