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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MARINE POLLUTION, 1973
Agenda item 10

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE AND ANY
INSTRUMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
RESULTING FROM ITS WORK

Amendment to the draft Resolution in MP/CONF/WP.24

Submitted by the delegation of Canada

In the draft Resolution proposed by the delegations of Mexico and Venezuela, the delegation of Canada suggests the following amendments:

Delete the last four paragraphs and substitute the following:

"TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the specialized character of the present Conference and of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973,

NOTING the mandate of the Law of the Sea Conference as established by the foregoing Resolution, in particular as that mandate relates to the rights and duties of States in respect of the preservation of the marine environment and the prevention of marine pollution,

NOTING FURTHER that the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, does not deal with the question of the rights and powers of Contracting States to take stricter measures within their jurisdiction in respect of matters to which the Convention relates,

CONVINCED that in these circumstances the appropriate forum to deal with the said question is the forthcoming Law of the Sea Conference,

DECLARES that the absence in the said Convention of any provision on the rights and powers of Contracting States to take stricter measures within their jurisdiction in respect of matters to which the Convention relates cannot be construed as derogating from any such rights and powers and reflects the clear intention of the present Conference to leave that question open for codification and development by the Law of the Sea Conference."
