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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MARINE POLLUTION, 1973
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DRAFT FINAL ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON MARINE POLLUTION, 1973

1. By its Resolution A.176(VI) of 21 October 1969, the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Organization decided to convene in 1973 an International Conference on Marine Pollution. This Conference was held in London from 8 October to 2[3] November 1973.
2. The following States were represented by delegations at the Conference:

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| Argentina | Hungary |
| Australia | Iceland |
| Bahrain | India |
| Belgium | Indonesia |
| Brazil | Iran |
| Bulgaria | Iraq |
| Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic | Ireland |
| Canada | Italy |
| Chile | Ivory Coast |
| Cuba | Japan |
| Cyprus | Jordan |
| Denmark | Kenya |
| Dominican Republic | Khmer Republic |
| Ecuador | Kuwait |
| Egypt | Liberia |
| Finland | Libyan Arab Republic |
| France | Madagascar |
| German Democratic Republic | Mexico |
| Germany, Federal Republic of | Monaco |
| Ghana | Morocco |
| Greece | Netherlands |
| Haiti | New Zealand |
| | Nigeria |

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| Norway | Switzerland |
| Panama | Thailand |
| Peru | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Philippines | Tunisia |
| Poland | Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic |
| Portugal | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics |
| Republic of Korea | United Arab Emirates |
| Romania | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| Saudi Arabia | United Republic of Tanzania |
| Singapore | United States of America |
| South Africa | Uruguay |
| Spain | Venezuela |
| Sri Lanka | |
| Sweden | |

3. The following States were represented at the Conference by observers:

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| Colombia | Republic of Viet-Nam |
| Jamaica | Turkey |
| Malawi | Yugoslavia |
| Oman | |

The Government of Hong Kong was also represented by an observer.

4. At the invitation of the Assembly the following organizations in the United Nations system sent representatives to the Conference:

United Nations
 United Nations Environment Programme
 Food and Agriculture Organization
 United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization
 International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 International Atomic Energy Agency

5. The following inter-governmental organizations sent observers to the Conference:

European Economic Community
 International Institute for the Unification of Private Law

6. The following non-governmental organizations also sent observers to the Conference:

International Chamber of Shipping
 International Organization for Standardization
 International Electrotechnical Commission
 International Union of Marine Insurance
 International Association of Ports and Harbors
 The Baltic and International Maritime Conference
 International Association of Classification Societies
 International Law Association
 European Council of Chemical Manufacturers' Federation
 Oil Companies International Marine Forum
 International Shipowners' Association
 Friends of the Earth International

7. The Conference elected Mr. S.V. Bhave, Head of the Indian delegation, as President of the Conference.

8. Twenty-four Vice-Presidents of the Conference were elected, as follows:

First Vice-President: Mr. G. LINDENCRONA (Sweden)

Mr. R.M. GOWLAND (Argentina)
H.E. Mr. M. RAFFAELLI (Brazil)
The Hon. Jack DAVIS (Canada)
Dr. M. OPORTO (Cuba)
Mr. M.A. EL-SAMMAK (Egypt)
Mr. J.P. CABOUAT (France)
Dr. H. RENTNER (German Democratic Republic)
Dr. G. BREUER (Germany, Federal Republic of)
H.E. Mr. H.V.H. SEKYI (Ghana)
Mr. M. SJADZALI (Indonesia)
Mr. H. AFSAR (Iran)
Mr. K.G. LOUKOU (Ivory Coast)
Mr. S. SUGIHARA (Japan)
Mr. A.G. TOUKAN (Jordan)
Mr. E. DINGA (Kenya)
Mr. N.A. AL-NAKIB (Kuwait)
Mr. M. RAMAROZAKA (Madagascar)
Dr. VIZCAÍNO MURRAY (Mexico)
Capt. D.W. BOYES (New Zealand)
Mr. S. PIERKOWICZ (Poland)
H.E. Mr. G. NHIGULA (United Republic of Tanzania)
Mr. V. TIKHONOV (USSR)
Mr. J.N. ARCHER (United Kingdom)

9. Mr. Colin Goad, Secretary-General of the Organization, acted as Secretary-General of the Conference with Mr. J. Quéguiner, Deputy Secretary-General, as Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference. Captain A. Savoliev, Secretary of the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization, was appointed Executive Secretary of the Conference and Mr. Y. Sasamura, Head of Marine Science and Technology Division, and Dr. T. Mensah, Head of Legal Division of the Organization were appointed Deputy Executive Secretaries of the Conference.

10. The Conference established the following Committees and a Steering Committee composed of officers of the Conference:

Committee I:

Chairman: H.E. Dr. P.V.J. Solomon (Trinidad and Tobago)
Vice-Chairman: Mr. G. Lindencrona (Sweden)

Committee II:

Chairman: Dr. L. Spinelli (Italy)
 Vice-Chairman: Dr. W. Al-Nimr (Bahrain)

Committee III:

Chairman: Mr. R.J. Lakey (United States of America)
 Vice-Chairman: Mr. Koh Eng Tian (Singapore)

Committee IV:

Chairman: H. E. Prof. A. Yankov (Bulgaria)
 Vice-Chairman: The Hon. G.F.B. Cooper (Liberia)

Credentials Committee:

Chairman: Mr. P.A. Araque (Philippines)

Drafting Committee:

Chairman: Mr. G.A.B. Longe (Nigeria)
 Vice-Chairman: H.E. Mr. J.D. del Campo (Uruguay)

11. The following documentation formed the basis of the work of the Conference:

- Draft Text of an International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973
- Draft Protocol Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Marine Pollution by Substances other than Oil
- Draft Resolutions relating to the prevention and control of marine pollution
- Proposals and commentary, including amendments to the drafts mentioned above, submitted to the Conference by Interested Governments and Organizations.

12. As a result of its deliberations, recorded in the summary records and reports of the Conference, the following instruments were opened for signature and accession:

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

with its Protocols, Annexes and Appendices; and

PROTOCOL RELATING TO INTERVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS IN CASES OF CASUALTIES INVOLVING MARINE POLLUTION BY SUBSTANCES OTHER THAN OIL

The Convention and the Protocol constitute Attachments 1 and 2 to this Final Act respectively.

13. The Conference also adopted Resolutions on the following subjects:*

1. Implementation of the 1969 Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954
2. Rapid Entry into Force of Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973
3. The Complete Elimination of Oil Pollution from Ships
4. Information on Penalties
5. Intentional Pollution of the Sea and Accidental Spillages
6. Control of Discharge of Oil
7. Method to Identify the Source of Discharged Oil
8. Draught Requirements for Segregated Ballast Tankers
9. Tonnage Measurement of Segregated Ballast Tankers
10. Development of Efficient Oil Content Monitoring Arrangements
11. Limitation of Size and Arrangement of Cargo Tanks in Oil Tankers
12. Development of Scientific Information on Water Quality Criteria
13. Procedures and Arrangements for the discharge of Noxious Liquid Substances into the Sea
14. Recommendation on Hazard Evaluation of Noxious Liquid Substances
15. Recommendation Concerning the Convention Provisions Relating to the Carriage of Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk

* Additional Resolutions might be included as a result of the decision of the Conference.

16. Recommendation Concerning the Prevention of Pollution by Liquefied or Compressed Gases Carried in Bulk
17. Recommendation Concerning the Prevention of Pollution by Noxious Solid Substances Carried in Bulk
18. Research of the Effect of Discharge of Ballast Water Containing Bacteria of Epidemic Diseases
19. Recommendation Concerning the Prevention of Pollution by Harmful Substances Carried by Sea in Packaged Forms or in Freight Containers, Portable Tanks or Road and Rail Tank Wagons
20. Provision of Standards and Test Methods Concerning Discharge of Sewage
21. Provision of Reception Facilities for the Discharge of Sewage and Disposal of Garbage
22. Transmission of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea
23. Establishment of the List of Substances to be annexed to the Protocol Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Casualties Involving Marine Pollution by Substances other than Oil

The texts of the above-mentioned Resolutions comprise Attachment 3 of this Final Act.

14. The text of this Final Act including its attachments, is deposited with the Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO). It is established in a single original in the English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, and accompanied by the texts of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, with its Protocols, Annexes and Appendices, the Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Casualties involving Marine Pollution by Substances other than Oil, and the Resolutions of the Conference. The texts of the Convention, its Protocols, Annexes and Appendices, as well as of the Protocol, appear in their authentic languages, English, French, Spanish [and Russian]. The texts of Resolutions of the Conference appear in English, French, Spanish [and Russian]. Official translations of the Convention with its Protocols, Annexes and Appendices, and the Protocol, shall be prepared in the Arabic, [Italian], Japanese and [Russian] languages. Originals of these official translations shall be deposited with this Final Act.

15. The Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization shall send a certified copy of this Final Act and, when they have been prepared, certified copies of the official translations of the Convention with its Protocols, Annexes and Appendices, the Protocol and the Resolutions of the Conference to the Governments invited to be represented at the Conference in accordance with the wishes of those Governments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have affixed their signatures to this Final Act.

DONE AT LONDON this second[third] day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.
