



## IMCO

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
MARINE POLLUTION, 1973  
Agenda item 10

### 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 Consultative Organization decided to convene in 1973 an International Conference on Marine Pollution. This Conference was held in London from 8 October to 2 November 1973.
2. The following States were represented by delegations at the Conference:

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

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:

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. At the opening of the Conference the Hon. Michael Heseltine, Minister of Aerospace and Shipping of the United Kingdom and Mr. Maurice Strong, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme made statements supporting the objectives of the Conference.
8. The Conference elected Mr. S.V. Bhawe, Head of the Indian delegation, as President of the Conference.
9. 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-Sarnak (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. Afshar (Iran)  
Mr. K.G. Loukou (Ivory Coast)  
H.E. 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. Perkowicz (Poland)  
H.E. Mr. G. Nhigula (United Republic of Tanzania)  
Mr. V. Tikhonov (USSR)  
Mr. J.N. Archer (United Kingdom)

10. 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. Saveliev, 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 Mr. T. Mensah, Head of Legal Division, of the Organization were appointed Deputy Executive Secretaries of the Conference.

11. 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-Ninr (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.E. Longe (Nigeria)  
 Vice-Chairman: H.E. Mr. J.D. del Campo (Uruguay)

12. 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 comments, including amendments to the drafts mentioned above, submitted to the Conference by Interested Governments and Organizations.

13. As a result of its deliberations, recorded in the summary records, and reports of the Conference, the following instruments were adopted by the Conference:

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.

14. The Conference also adopted Resolutions, the texts of which comprise Attachment 3 of this Final Act.

15. 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, Russian and Spanish. The texts of Resolutions of the Conference appear in English, French, Russian and Spanish. Official translations of the Convention with its Protocols, Annexes and Appendices, and the Protocol, shall be prepared in the Arabic, German, Italian and Japanese languages. Originals of these official translations shall be deposited with this Final Act.

16. 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 day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.

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