Statement of the Delegation of Iran

The President circulates herewith the text of a letter which has been received from the delegation of Iran.

25 October 1973

Dear Sirs,

It has been brought to the attention of the Iranian delegation attending the International Conference on Marine Pollution that, in some of the papers issued by the Secretariat for the Conference, the proper name "Persian Gulf" has been either left blank or other terms have been used instead.

We would like to draw your attention to other IMCO publications, such as the Charts of Prohibited Zones, 1954 as amended (page 4 and Chart 4), and insist that this Conference and the Secretariat follow the criteria and precedents already established and agreed by the United Nations and by IMCO and contained in such agreed treaty instruments.

Furthermore, we beg to remind you of a formal note from the United Nations Secretariat to our Permanent Mission in the United Nations, Ref. AD-311/1-GEN dated 5 March 1971, which has already been deposited with the Secretariat and is self-explanatory.

Therefore, in consideration of the precedents mentioned above, we request that papers issued be corrected.

We trust this letter will receive your prompt and impartial attention, and,

We remain,

Yours faithfully,


The Secretariat,
Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,