REPORT OF COMMITTEE IV TO THE PLENARY

1. Committee IV held its first and organizational meeting on 9 October at which it elected H.E. Professor A. Yankov (Bulgaria) as its Chairman and The Hon. G.F.E. Cooper (Liberia) as Vice-Chairman.

2. The Committee held five working sessions on 26, 28 and 29 October.

3. Following consideration of proposals contained in documents submitted by the Secretariat and by delegations the Committee adopted the draft Articles for a PROTOCOL RELATING TO INTERVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS IN CASES OF MARINE POLLUTION BY SUBSTANCES OTHER THAN CILI. These draft Articles are reproduced in Document IMCO/CONF/17.

4. To enable the Plenary to have the benefit of the advice of the Drafting Committee these draft Articles have been submitted to that Committee requesting it to prepare definitive drafts for consideration by the Plenary. The Plenary may therefore wish to consider this Report in conjunction with the recommendations of the Drafting Committee.

5. Arising out of its deliberations, Committee IV felt that it would be useful for the Plenary to address a resolution to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization on the subject of the appropriate body to be entrusted with the mandate of establishing and maintaining the list of substances to which the Protocol is to be applicable. The draft of the Resolution recommended by the Committee is reproduced in document IMCO/CONF/DR/4.

6. Committee IV herewith submits this Report on its work to the Plenary for its consideration and approval.