CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE ARTICLES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Draft Resolution

Submitted by the Netherlands

THE CONFERENCE

AWARE of the acuteness of the threat to the marine environment which vessel source pollution poses,

DETERMINED to combat this form of pollution on the basis of and in accordance with the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as adopted,

TAKING NOTE of Article 1, paragraph 1, of this Convention by which the Contracting States Parties undertake to give effect to the provisions of the present Convention and those Annexes thereto by which they are bound,

1. NOTES with particular interest Article 17 of the Convention which provides for a procedure accelerating the entry into force of amendments to Annexes and Appendices to the Convention;

2. REALISES that the effectiveness of that amendment procedure largely depends on there being a procedure in the Contracting States for rapid approval of amendments;

3. URGES States to become Parties to the Convention as soon as possible and to give effect to later amendments thereto with the minimum of delay.