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

Draft Resolution on Enforcement in Ports

Submitted by Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Ireland,
New Zealand, Trinidad and Tobago and United States

THE CONFERENCE

HAVING ADOPTED the International Convention for the Prevention of
Pollution from Ships, 1973, which inter alia, establishes international
standards for the prevention and control of pollution from ships and
provides for the enforcement of such standards by Administrations and
by other Contracting States in respect of violations within their
jurisdiction,

DESIROUS of ensuring the adoption of further measures for the more
effective enforcement of the International Conference for the Prevention
of Pollution from Ships, 1973, to ensure the protection of the marine
environment,

NOTING the view of some delegations that enforcement of the Convention
would be more effective if a violation of the Convention could be
punished by a State when a ship entered a port of that State, wherever
the violation occurred,
NOTING FURTHER the view of other delegations that while adoption of such a principle might be desirable it raised wider implications and was more appropriately a matter for consideration by the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

RECOMMENDS to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea that it give serious consideration to the principle referred to in paragraph 3 above, in addition to any other appropriate enforcement procedures in its formulation of any treaty to be adopted by the Conference.