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ANNEX 5

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**THE THIRTY-SECOND CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
TO THE LONDON CONVENTION AND THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING
PARTIES TO THE LONDON PROTOCOL,**

RECALLING the objectives of the London Convention¹⁸ and the London Protocol¹⁹;

CONFIRMING that the "Statement of concern" of the Scientific Groups remains valid;

RECALLING resolution LC-LP.1(2008) on the regulation of ocean fertilization and the agreement therein that the Scientific Groups under the London Convention and the London Protocol should develop an assessment framework for ocean fertilization to assess research proposals on a case-by-case basis;

1. **ADOPT** the "Assessment Framework for Scientific Research Involving Ocean Fertilization" (hereafter referred to as the Assessment Framework);

2. **DECIDE** that, in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution LC-LP.1(2008), scientific research proposals should be assessed on a case-by-case basis using the Assessment Framework;

3. **DECIDE FURTHER** that Contracting Parties should use the Assessment Framework to determine, with utmost caution, whether a proposed ocean fertilization activity constitutes legitimate scientific research that is not contrary to the aims of the London Protocol or the London Convention;

4. **EMPHASIZE** that the consultation, notification and reporting provisions of the Assessment Framework are integral to the assessment of a proposed ocean fertilization research activity, and that timely notification and sharing of information would facilitate consistency in its application;

5. **AFFIRM** that the London Convention and the London Protocol should continue to work towards providing a global, transparent, and effective control and regulatory mechanism for ocean fertilization activities and other activities that fall within the scope of the London Convention and the London Protocol and have the potential to cause harm to the marine environment, particularly in light of the progress made with this resolution, resolution LC-LP.1(2008), and the Assessment Framework;

¹⁸ "Contracting Parties shall individually and collectively promote the effective control of all sources of pollution of the marine environment, and pledge themselves especially to take all practicable steps to prevent the pollution of the sea by the dumping of waste and other matter that is liable to create hazards to human health, to harm living resources and marine life, to damage amenities or to interfere with other legitimate uses of the sea." (Article I of the London Convention).

¹⁹ "Contracting Parties shall individually and collectively protect and preserve the marine environment from all sources of pollution and take effective measures, according to their scientific, technical and economic capabilities, to prevent, reduce and where practicable eliminate pollution caused by dumping or incineration at sea of wastes or other matter. Where appropriate, they shall harmonize their policies in this regard." (Article 2 of the London Protocol).

6. **REAFFIRM** that for activities, including ocean fertilization research activities, that fall within the scope of Article III(1)(a) of the London Convention or Article 1.4.1 of the London Protocol, and are not otherwise exempted from being "dumping", placement of matter for a purpose other than the mere disposal thereof which is contrary to the aims of the London Convention or the London Protocol does not fall within the exemption under Article III(1)(b)(ii) of the London Convention and Article 1.4.2.2 of the London Protocol and should be regarded as "dumping"; and

7. **RESOLVE** that this resolution and the Assessment Framework should be reviewed at appropriate intervals in light of new and relevant scientific information and knowledge and in light of experience applying the Assessment Framework.

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