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THE EIGHTEENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

RECALLING resolution LC.48(16) to carry out an overall and thorough review of the existing provisions of the London Convention 1972 and the proposed amendments thereto, and to convene a special meeting or conference no later than 1996 with a view to amending the London Convention 1972 through a single instrument:

- 1 REQUESTS the Organization, in accordance with Article XIV(3)(a) and 4(f) of the London Convention 1972, to convene a special meeting between 28 October and 8 November 1996;
- 2 DECIDES that the special meeting will take the form of a diplomatic conference to consider and adopt an integrated instrument setting forth the altered provisions of the London Convention 1972 resulting from its thorough review and repeating the unaltered provisions of that Convention with only such modifications as are necessary for flow and consistency;
- 3 FURTHER DECIDES that this integrated instrument, which may have a different entry into force threshold than that set forth in Article XV(1)(a) of the Convention, will be called the "1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972";
- 4 AGREES that the rules of procedure for Consultative and Special Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter and, in particular, with respect to credentials, Rule 7 thereof will apply to the diplomatic conference;
- 5 FURTHER AGREES that Rule 28 of these rules of procedure shall, for purposes of the diplomatic conference, be modified to increase to two thirds the majority required for voting on matters of substance;
- 6 ALSO AGREES that States which are not Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972 shall be encouraged to participate actively, including in any subsidiary body or working group meetings, as observers with a view to becoming Parties to the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention 1972.

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