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**ANNEX 6**

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THE EIGHTEENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

RECALLING Article IX of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (London Convention 1972), which provides that Contracting Parties shall promote, through collaboration within the Organization and other international bodies, support for those Parties requesting it, so furthering the aims and purposes of this Convention;

NOTING the various activities that have been undertaken by the Organization and the Contracting Parties on a bilateral and multilateral basis, in the past for this purpose;

RECALLING ALSO, in particular, the Global Waste Survey that was commissioned to the International Maritime Organization in September 1991 for addressing the potential global implications of the prohibition of sea disposal of industrial waste as of 1 January 1996, especially in developing countries, and to formulate a plan that would assist Contracting Parties to address their commitment to scientific and technical support in a practical and cost-effective manner; and noting that the findings of the Global Waste Survey were presented to and noted by the Eighteenth Consultative Meeting;

RECALLING FURTHER that individual Contracting Parties and the Organization, through its regular budget, provided the necessary financial resources for the Global Waste Survey;

NOTING ALSO that the Organization currently implements its Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme to provide support to Contracting Parties in need of assistance for the full implementation of the provisions of the London Convention 1972 and to non-Contracting Parties which have declared their intention to become a Party to the London Convention 1972, or satisfy its provisions, as appropriate;

NOTING FURTHER that Contracting Parties are in the process of revising the London Convention 1972, with a view to strengthening its provisions, among others, with respect to technical co-operation and assistance;

NOTING the desire to promote membership to the London Convention 1972, in particular of developing countries and States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, which are not Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972:

- 1 URGES Contracting Parties to consider at the diplomatic conference to amend the London Convention 1972, which will be convened from 28 October to 8 November 1996, adoption of an enhanced technical co-operation and assistance programme under the London Convention 1972 as part of the Organization's Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme;
- 2 FURTHER URGES Contracting Parties to consider providing, on a bilateral and multilateral basis, as appropriate, the necessary means for maintaining current technical co-operation activities, e.g. the maintenance of the database and national profiles of the Global Waste Survey, the provision of follow-up actions to the case studies developed under the Global Waste Survey,

and for the refinement and implementation of a technical co-operation and assistance programme after its adoption; and

3. INVITES the Secretary-General of the Organization to take note of the above and to take the necessary steps to ensure maintenance of current activities until further decisions are taken by the Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972.

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