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RESOLUTION LDC.27(10)

FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE SCIENTIFIC GROUP ON DUMPING

THE TENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

RECALLING that the Contracting Parties to the London Dumping Convention have pledged themselves to promote the effective control of all sources of pollution of the marine environment,

RECOGNIZING the considerable achievements of the Convention in protecting the marine environment from adverse impacts due to the disposal of waste at sea,

CONCERNED to maintain the value afforded in this regard by the present systems for the classification of wastes for disposal at sea in terms of the Annexes to the Convention,

WISHING to avail itself of advances in technical knowledge and practical understanding which might enable the protection of the marine environment to be further enhanced,

CONSCIOUS that significant inputs of pollutants into the marine environment may directly or indirectly arise from sources other than the dumping of waste at sea,

MINDFUL that, in making decisions on the protection of the marine environment from the adverse effects of dumping, due regard should be taken of the impact of alternative disposal options and the various pathways by which waste materials may be transported from the land into the sea,

HAVING REGARD to the Terms of Reference for the Scientific Group on Dumping (resolution LDC.18(8)) and the need to extend these Terms of Reference from time to time so that studies of special importance to the Convention may be carried out,

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AGREES to invite the Scientific Group on Dumping to review the operational procedures of the Convention, with particular regard to the structure of the Annexes, and any potential ambiguities arising from the application thereof,

REQUESTS the Scientific Group on Dumping to submit to the Twelfth Consultative Meeting, any recommendations for alternative procedures for the classification and assessment of wastes to be dumped at sea which would afford better protection of the total environment against the adverse impacts of waste,

EMPOWERS the Group to establish its own modus operandi by mutual agreement, and in co-operation with the Organization, for the accomplishment of this work,

URGES all Contracting Parties to participate to the fullest possible extent in this work.
