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**ANNEX 4**

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THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention of the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (the Committee) conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution,

HAVING ADOPTED, by resolution MEPC.111(50), the amendments to Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), which, *inter alia*, include a revised regulation 13G and a new regulation 13H of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78,

NOTING that article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (the 1973 Convention) provides that the aforesaid amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 shall be deemed to have been accepted on 4 October 2004, unless, prior to that date, not less than one third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50 per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments,

NOTING ALSO that in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, the aforesaid amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 shall enter into force on 5 April 2005 upon their acceptance in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention,

NOTING IN PARTICULAR that the new regulation 13H of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 aims in enhancing the protection of the marine environment by reducing the risks and the extent of any eventual oil pollution when carrying heavy grade oil as cargo,

1. INVITES Parties to MARPOL 73/78 to consider the application of the aforesaid amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 as soon as practically possible to ships entitled to fly their flag;
2. INVITES ALSO the maritime industry to implement the aforesaid amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 as soon as possible; and
3. INVITES FURTHER Parties to MARPOL 73/78 who implement the aforesaid amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 with respect to ships entitled to fly their flag before the expected entry into force date of the amendments to communicate their action to the Organization.

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