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THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING that the Assembly by resolution A.448(XI) urged Governments, non-governmental organizations and the appropriate bodies of the Organization to promote the development of international contingency plans,

RECOGNIZING that a number of protocols and agreements on emergency co-operation have now been adopted under the legal component of the United Nations Environment Programme's Regional Seas Programme,

RECOGNIZING ALSO that many regional agreements and conventions have already been concluded and reached an advanced stage of development,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that IMO can be of significant assistance in the preparation of operational contingency plans,

NOTING the resolution of UNEP's Governing Council (10/20 Expansion and Implementation of Regional Seas Programmes) which urges all Governments, United Nations Organizations, inter-governmental, non-governmental and other organizations to extend their full support to countries concerned in their efforts to combat marine pollution,

NOTING ALSO that considerable expertise in this regard is available in the Committee from Secretariats and Government representatives of international agreements and conventions which have already developed contingency plans as well as from the oil and shipping industries,

CONSIDERING that the Committee is an appropriate global technical forum to provide guidance for the development of contingency plans for operational response to marine pollution incidents,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to approach the Executive Director of UNEP for possible funding of designated experts from Governments representing each region of the UNEP Regional Seas Programme to the Committee when the Working Group on International Marine Oil Spill Contingency Planning is reconvened.

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