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THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

NOTING the provisions of Annex I to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78) designating the Baltic Sea Area as a "special area", i.e. a sea area where for recognized technical reasons in relation to its oceanographical and ecological condition and to the particular character of its traffic the adoption of special mandatory methods for the prevention of sea pollution by oil is required,

NOTING ALSO the provisions of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 concerning the discharge of oil and the provision of reception facilities in the Baltic Sea Area, as well as the future amendments to Regulation 10 of Annex I agreed by the Committee at its twelfth session,

TAKING NOTE of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1974 (Helsinki Convention) which Convention entered into force on 3 May 1980 and in its Annex IV contains in substance the same provisions concerning the discharge of oil and the provision of reception facilities as Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, including the future amendments to Regulation 10 of Annex I agreed by the Committee at its twelfth session, in respect of the Baltic Sea Area,

NOTING FURTHER that the provisions of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention will become effective for all Parties to that Convention - Denmark, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Polish People's Republic, Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - on 3 May 1981, which inter alia means that adequate facilities will be in operation by that date within the Baltic Sea Area,

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RECOGNIZING the importance, for the protection of the vulnerable marine environment of the Baltic Sea Area, of the aforementioned provisions on the discharge of oil being applied in the Baltic Sea Area, not only by ships flying the flag of Parties to the Helsinki Convention, but also by ships flying the flag of other States,

HAVING CONSIDERED a request for a Recommendation in this respect by the Parties to the Helsinki Convention,

RECOMMENDS that Governments of States, which are not Parties to the Helsinki Convention, urge ships flying their flag to apply, as from 3 May 1981, the provisions of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 concerning the discharge of oil when operating in the Baltic Sea Area, including the future amendments to Regulation 10 of Annex I agreed by the Committee at its twelfth session.

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