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THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

NOTING the provisions of Annex V 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 designated 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 garbage is required,

NOTING ALSO that Annex V of MARPOL 73/78 prohibits the discharge of garbage and contains requirements for the provision of reception facilities in the Baltic Sea Area,

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 garbage and the provisions of reception facilities as Annex V of MARPOL 73/78,

NOTING FURTHER that the provisions of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention have become effective for all parties to that Convention - Denmark, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, Poland, Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - on 3 May 1981, which inter alia means that adequate reception facilities are in operation within the Baltic Sea Area,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT resolution MEPC.6(XIV) concerning the discharge of oil in 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 garbage 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 the provisions of Annex V of MARPOL 73/78 concerning the prohibition of the discharge of garbage when operating in the Baltic Sea Area.

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