

## OEWG-V/8: Environmentally sound management of ship dismantling

### *The Open-ended Working Group,*

*Recalling* that the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session invited the International Maritime Organization to continue considering the establishment in its regulations of mandatory requirements, including a reporting system for ships destined for dismantling, that would ensure an equivalent level of control as established under the Basel Convention and to continue work aimed at the establishment of mandatory requirements to ensure the environmentally sound management of ship dismantling, which might include pre-decontamination within its scope;

1. *Welcomes* the steps taken toward the development of a legally binding instrument for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships;
2. *Encourages* Parties to organize internal coordination between their International Maritime Organization and Basel Convention representatives and to participate actively in the consideration by the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee of the draft text for a new legally binding instrument for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships, including, but not limited to, by presenting proposals for provisions on preparations for ship recycling, requirements for ship recycling facilities and reporting requirements;
3. *Invites*, pursuant to the recommendation of the Joint International Labour Organization/International Maritime Organization/Basel Convention Working Group (Joint Working Group) at its second session, as reflected in its report<sup>1</sup> on the work of the session, Parties and other stakeholders to provide information to the Secretariat, to be shared with the International Labour Organization and the International Maritime Organization, on any technical cooperation activities or other relevant initiatives already launched or planned so that those activities can be taken into account in the future technical cooperation programmes of the three organizations;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to follow the development of the draft text for the legally binding instrument for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships by the Marine Environment Protection Committee and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;
5. *Requests* Parties and others to forward to the Secretariat by 30 June 2006 relevant information that may be of assistance to stakeholders in developing measures to address, in the short and medium term, the potentially harmful consequences of ship dismantling on human health and the environment;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to compile and make available on the Basel Convention website relevant practical information and documents on the environmentally sound management of ship recycling, which would include the guidelines of the three organizations and annex 2 of the report of the second session of the Joint Working Group<sup>2</sup> on the comparison of those guidelines, to serve as a reference tool for stakeholders;
7. *Requests* Parties and others to submit to the Secretariat by 30 June 2006 available information with regard to pre-cleaning and decontamination and requests the Secretariat to make the information received available on the Basel Convention website;

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<sup>1</sup> ILO/IMO/BC/WG 2/11.

<sup>2</sup> Technical Guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of the Full and Partial Dismantling of Ships (UNEP/CHW.6/23), IMO *Guidelines on Ship Recycling*, adopted on 5 December 2003 at the twenty-third session of the Assembly by resolution A.962(23), *Safety and Health in Shipbreaking: Guidelines for Asian countries and Turkey*, endorsed for publication by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at its 289<sup>th</sup> session (March 2004).

8. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide a brief description of the information compiled and available on the Basel Convention website to facilitate consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;

9. *Invites* Parties and others to provide their assessments of the level of control and enforcement established by the Basel Convention, in its entirety;

10. *Invites* Parties and others to make comparisons with the expected level of control and enforcement to be provided by the draft instrument on ship recycling in its entirety, and submit them to the Secretariat;

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to compile the information received and submit it to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration at its eighth meeting;

12. *Welcomes* the outcome of the second session of the Joint Working Group;

13. *Acknowledges* that a future meeting of the Joint Working Group could be useful and that specific proposals for objectives and a work programme for such a meeting could be formulated by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting and other relevant bodies of the three organizations in the light of developments relating to the draft legally binding instrument within the International Maritime Organization after the fifty-fifth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee, taking into account the work of the correspondence group and developments at the fifty-fifth session.