

## **OEWG-IV/4: Joint Working Group of the International Labour Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the Basel Convention**

The Open-ended Working Group,

*Recalling* decision VII/25 on the Joint Working Group of the International Labour Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the Basel Convention on ship scrapping,

*Welcoming* the progress made to date in facilitating inter-agency cooperation at both the national and international levels on the subject of ship dismantling,

*Taking note* of the report of the first session of the Joint Working Group of the International Labour Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the Basel Convention on ship scrapping, held from 15 to 17 February 2005 at the headquarters of the International Maritime Organization,

*Further noting* that the report of the first session of the Joint Working Group was submitted to the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at its two-hundred and ninety-second session and will be submitted to the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization at its fifty-third session,

1. *Agrees* with the recommendation of the Joint Working Group that the second session of the Joint Working Group should be hosted by the Basel Convention in Geneva, Switzerland;
2. *Endorses* the decisions and the work programme of the Joint Working Group;
3. *Welcomes* the issues agreed by the Joint Working Group, to be placed on the agenda for the second session of the Joint Working Group, as reflected in the report of the first session of the Joint Working Group under paragraph 7.4;
4. *Encourages* Parties and others to ensure their full and effective participation in the deliberations of the second session of the Joint Working Group of the International Maritime Organization, the International Labour Organization and the Basel Convention, either through their representatives or as observers;
5. *Urges* Parties and others to submit written comments in advance for consideration by the Joint Working Group at its second session on the matters raised in the report of the first session, as appropriate, in accordance with the deadlines that will be indicated in the invitation to be issued for the second session of the Joint Working Group;
6. *Invites* Parties and others to consider providing technical and financial support for the proposed inter-agency technical assistance activities and for the promotion of the implementation of the International Maritime Organization, International Labour Organization and Basel Convention guidelines on ship scrapping, as described in the report of the first session of the Joint Working Group;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the Open-ended Working Group, at its fifth session, on progress, including the outcome of the second session of the Joint Working Group.