

OEWG-IV/5: Environmentally sound management of ship dismantling

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 and decision VII/26 on the environmentally sound management of ship dismantling,

1. *Invites* Parties, other States, ship owners, and other stakeholders, through the appropriate channels, to submit to the Secretariat by 23 September 2005 comments on any gaps, overlaps or ambiguities between the notification procedure under the Basel Convention and the draft reporting system being developed by the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization and any recommended solutions to address such gaps, overlaps or ambiguities;

2. *Also invites* Parties, other States, ship owners, and other stakeholders, through the appropriate channels, to submit to the secretariat by that date:

(a) Views on how to enhance the capacity for the environmentally sound management of ship dismantling;

(b) Views on the possible requirements applying to recycling facilities, such as licences, certification, investment plans for provisions to ensure the environmentally sound management of ship dismantling and the capability to carry out pre-decontamination;

(c) Views on the benefit of having a transitional period during the development of sufficient capacity for the environmentally sound management of ship dismantling;

(d) Views on the information that may be required to enable the competent authorities to make an informed decision about the proposed recycling of a ship at a recycling facility;

(e) Any other relevant views;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to inform the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-third session of the decisions taken at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the issue of environmentally sound management of ship dismantling and on the work of the fourth session of the Open-ended Working Group, to enable the ship recycling working group at the fifty-third session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee to give adequate consideration to those decisions and to take them into account in the establishment in its regulations of mandatory requirements;

4. *Invites* the Joint Working Group of the International Labour Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the Basel Convention to take account of the comments, recommended solutions and views received when considering relevant items on the agenda for its second session;

5. *Invites* Parties, other States, and ship owners, and other stakeholders to report any experiences of their use of the Technical Guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of the Full and Partial Dismantling of Ships, which were adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting in decision VI/24, as appropriate, and to report through appropriate channels to the Open-ended Working Group at its fifth session;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the Open-ended Working Group at its fifth session on any relevant developments under the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Joint Working Group of the International Labour Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the Basel Convention in the context of the development of mandatory requirements, including a reporting system for ships destined for recycling;

7. *Invites* Parties, other States, ship owners and other stakeholders to submit to the Secretariat, by 6 January 2006, comments and proposals on the practical, legal and technical aspects of the dismantling of ships;

8. *Requests* the secretariat to compile the comments, recommended solutions and views received for submission to the Joint Working Group of the International Labour Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the Basel Convention on Ship Scrapping at its second session and to the Open-ended Working Group at its fifth session, as appropriate;

9. *Agrees* on the establishment of an open-ended intersessional working group to consider the issues regarding ship dismantling and to report on its work at the fifth session of the Open-ended Working Group.