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**CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION
BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972
(LONDON CONVENTION 1972)**

**Reporting on monitoring activities carried out in accordance with Article VI(1)(d) of the
London Convention 1972**

INVITATION

1 This is an invitation to Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972 to report on their monitoring activities carried out in accordance with Article VI(1)(d) of the Convention to the 28th session of the Scientific Group, which will be held from 23 to 27 May 2005. The deadline for reports of more than 6 pages is Friday, **18 February 2005**. The deadline for submission of shorter reports is Friday, **18 March 2005**.

BACKGROUND

2 In November 2004, the 26th Consultative Meeting reviewed a preliminary overview of the field monitoring reports related to dumping operations that the Contracting Parties had submitted to the Consultative Meeting and the Scientific Group from 1996 to 2003. The Meeting noted that there was clearly under-reporting and, consequently, urged Contracting Parties to submit monitoring reports to the Scientific Group as a matter of priority. The Secretariat was also requested to investigate how best to access and use regional monitoring reports¹ (LC 26/15, paragraphs 10.7 to 10.14).

3 The Scientific Group will review the monitoring reports it receives as one of its regular tasks and advise the Consultative Meeting accordingly. Any reports and case studies on monitoring and assessment will also be reviewed from the perspective of preparing a substantive contribution from the London Convention to the global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment (GMA-Process) which is expected to be established in the UN-system during 2005.

4 Attached hereto at annex is the "Report form for the acquisition of data on monitoring of dumping sites as adopted by the Fourth Consultative Meeting" which may assist in the preparation of reports.

¹ If Contracting Parties report on their monitoring activities under a regional agreement, any advice on how to retrieve such reports will be appreciated.

5 Contracting Parties are advised to submit their reports to the following address:

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ANNEX**FORM OF REPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DATA ON MONITORING OF
DUMPING AT SEA SITES AS ADOPTED BY THE FOURTH CONSULTATIVE
MEETING (LDC IV, ANNEX 7)**

- 1 Monitored area:
 - co-ordinates of the dumping area (geographical co-ordinates); and
 - area map with station locations
- 2 Data on discharged wastes
- 3 Technical data on the method of dumping (depth, initial dilution, etc.)
- 4 Hydrographical data about the area (general direction of current flow etc., data from Annex III to the Convention)
- 5 Monitoring data:
 - station locations;
 - monitored compartment: (water; sediments; living matter);
 - frequency and duration;
 - parameters measured in each compartment (with reference to the analysis methods used); and
 - general biological parameters (primary productivity etc.)
- 6 Laboratories and organizations responsible for analyzing, sampling, data storage, etc.
- 7 Information on intercalibration and quality control of results; and, if so, within what framework (ICES, IAEA, etc.)
- 8 General conclusions resulting from monitoring
- 9 Contact addresses for further information
- 10 Any details of publications (title, number, year)

Alternative notification procedures concerning monitoring activities carried out by Contracting Parties to the London Convention

Information category	Special data required	Reporting frequency and format
Summary assessment report	.1 Outline of assessment procedures carried out in accordance with Chapter 8 (Monitoring) of the applicable “Specific Guidelines” contained in document LC/SG 24/11, annexes 3 to 10)	Period, depending on level and nature of dumping activities, and past reporting
	.2 Special provisions of permits, including monitoring requirements by activity or site	No prescribed format
	.3 Major findings and conclusions from assessment and monitoring programmes required in accordance with Article VI(1)(d) of the Convention	No prescribed format
Annotated bibliography of detailed dumpsite assessment reports, monitoring results, and related information	.1 Citations .2 Brief summaries of contents .3 Availability and source of documentation	To be submitted to the Secretariat for distribution to all Contracting Parties in accordance with Article XIV(3)(d) of the Convention