

ANNEX 2

**RESOLUTION MEPC.63(36)
adopted on 2 November 1994**

**OIL TANKER STABILITY, OPERATIONAL SAFETY AND
PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(c) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee,

NOTING with satisfaction the entry into force on 6 July 1993 of new regulations 13F and 13G of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 which make the double hull or equivalent construction mandatory for new oil tankers and provide for upgrading of existing oil tankers,

RECOGNIZING the significant contribution which the implementation of these regulations would make to the protection of the marine environment,

RECALLING concern expressed during its thirty-fourth session regarding possible stability problems in the operation of tankers having cargo tanks without subdivision by longitudinal bulkheads,

BEING OF THE OPINION that the designs of oil tankers should not place an additional burden on the master and crew of such ships through difficulty of operation, e.g., during loading, discharging, ballasting, deballasting and sailing with partial loads,

1. **RECOMMENDS** that designers, builders and owners are encouraged to take this opinion into account in the process of the design, construction and commissioning of new tonnage;
2. **INVITES** Member Governments, when assessing the stability and other safety properties of oil tankers, to take due account of all relevant operational properties of such ships, in particular, those of importance during loading, discharging, ballasting, deballasting and sailing with partially filled tanks.
