INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

THIRTY-FOURTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE LONDON CONVENTION
&
SEVENTH MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE LONDON PROTOCOL
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Agenda item 2

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STATUS OF THE LONDON CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the London Convention 1972

SUMMARY

Executive summary:	This document reports on the membership of the London Convention and the status of amendments thereto
Action to be taken:	Paragraph 7
Related documents:	LC 34/2/1 and LC 33/2

1 The Secretary-General has received from depositary Governments the following information relating to the implementation of Articles XVII and XVIII of the Convention.

2 As at 19 July 2012, **87** Governments have ratified or acceded to the Convention. A list of these is shown in annex 1.

3 Under Articles XVII and XVIII of the Convention, the instrument of ratification or accession shall be deposited with the Governments of Mexico, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom or the United States. Where different dates have been notified by different depositary Governments, the earliest date is shown in annex 1.

4 As at 19 July 2012, **20** Contracting Parties have accepted the 1978 Amendments concerning procedures for the settlement of disputes. A list of these is shown in annex 2. These amendments will come into force on the sixtieth day after the date on which they are accepted by two thirds (at present 58) of the Contracting Parties.

5 In 1993 the 16th Consultative Meeting adopted amendments to the Annexes to the Convention regarding:

- phasing out sea disposal of industrial waste by 1 January 1996 (resolution LC.49(16));
- prohibition of incineration at sea of industrial waste and sewage sludge (resolution LC.50(16)); and
- prohibition of disposal at sea of radioactive wastes and other radioactive matter (resolution LC.51(16)).

These amendments entered into force on 20 February 1994, except for Australia which submitted a declaration of non-acceptance to resolution LC.49(16)[1], and the Russian Federation which submitted a declaration of non-acceptance to resolution LC.51(16)[2].

6 Any additional information received after the preparation of this document and before the opening of the 34th Consultative Meeting will be drawn to the attention of the Meeting during consideration of this item of the agenda.

Action requested of the Consultative Meeting

7 The Consultative Meeting is requested to take note of this document and comment on it, as it deems appropriate.

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[1] Since the cessation of the disposal of jarosite at sea on 26 October 1997, Australia has withdrawn its declaration of non-acceptance. Australia is now bound by resolution LC.49(16).

[2] On 17 May 2005, the Russian Federation notified IMO that it had withdrawn its declaration of non-acceptance. The Russian Federation is now bound by resolution LC.51(16).

ANNEX 1

LIST OF GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED ARTICLE XVII OR XVIII OF THE CONVENTION

	Date of ratification, accession or succession	Date of entry into force or effective date
Afghanistan	2 April 1975	30 August 1975
Antigua and Barbuda	6 January 1989	5 February 1989
Argentina	11 September 1979	11 October 1979
Australia	21 August 1985	20 September 1985
Azerbaijan	1 July 1997	31 July 1997
Barbados	4 May 1994	3 June 1994
Belarus	29 January 1976	28 February 1976
Belgium	12 June 1985	12 July 1985
Benin	28 April 2011	28 May 2011
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	10 June 1999	10 July 1999
Brazil	26 July 1982	25 August 1982
Bulgaria	25 January 2006	24 February 2006
Canada	13 November 1975	14 December 1975
Cape Verde	26 May 1977	25 June 1977
Chile	4 August 1977	3 September 1977
China [1/]	14 November 1985	14 December 1985
Costa Rica	16 June 1986	16 July 1986
Côte d'Ivoire	9 October 1987	8 November 1987
Croatia	8 October 1991	8 October 1991
Cuba	1 December 1975	1 January 1976
Cyprus	7 June 1990	7 July 1990
Democratic Rep. of the Congo	16 September 1975	16 October 1975
Denmark [1/]	23 October 1974	30 August 1975
Dominican Republic	7 December 1973	30 August 1975
Egypt	30 June 1992	30 July 1992
Equatorial Guinea	21 January 2004	20 February 2004
Finland	3 May 1979	2 June 1979
France	3 February 1977	5 March 1977

[1/] Notifications, declarations and reservations are available from the depository.

	Date of ratification, accession or succession	Date of entry into force or effective date
Gabon	5 February 1982	7 March 1982
Germany	8 November 1977	8 December 1977
Greece	10 August 1981	9 September 1981
Guatemala	14 July 1975	30 August 1975
Haiti	28 August 1975	27 September 1975
Honduras	2 May 1980	1 June 1980
Hungary	5 February 1976	6 March 1976
Iceland	24 May 1973	30 August 1975
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13 January 1997	12 February 1997
Ireland	17 February 1982	19 March 1982
Italy	30 April 1984	30 May 1984
Jamaica	22 March 1991	21 April 1991
Japan	15 October 1980	14 November 1980
Jordan	11 November 1974	30 August 1975
Kenya	7 January 1976	6 February 1976
Kiribati	12 May 1982	11 June 1982
Libya	22 November 1976	22 December 1976
Luxembourg	21 February 1991	23 March 1991
Malta	28 December 1989	27 January 1990
Mexico	7 April 1975	30 August 1975
Monaco	16 May 1977	15 June 1977
Montenegro	-	3 June 2006
Morocco	18 February 1977	20 March 1977
Nauru	26 July 1982	25 August 1982
Netherlands [1/]	2 December 1977	2 January 1978
New Zealand	30 April 1975	30 August 1975
Nigeria	19 March 1976	18 April 1976
Norway	4 April 1974	30 August 1975
Oman	13 March 1984	12 April 1984
Pakistan	9 March 1995	8 April 1995
Panama	31 July 1975	30 August 1975
Papua New Guinea	10 March 1980	9 April 1980
Peru	7 May 2003	6 June 2003
Philippines	10 August 1973	30 August 1975

	Date of ratification, accession or succession	Date of entry into force or effective date
Poland	23 January 1979	22 February 1979
Portugal	14 April 1978	14 May 1978
Republic of Korea	21 December 1993	20 January 1994
Russian Federation [1/]	30 December 1975	29 January 1976
Saint Lucia	23 August 1985	22 September 1985
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	24 October 2001	23 November 2001
Serbia [1/]	-	3 June 2006
Seychelles	29 October 1984	28 November 1984
Sierra Leone	12 March 2008	11 April 2008
Slovenia	25 June 1991	25 June 1991
Solomon Islands	6 March 1984	5 April 1984
South Africa	7 August 1978	6 September 1978
Spain	31 July 1974	30 August 1975
Suriname	21 October 1980	20 November 1980
Sweden	21 February 1974	30 August 1975
Switzerland	31 July 1979	30 August 1979
Syrian Arab Republic	6 May 2009	5 June 2009
Tonga	8 November 1995	9 December 1995
Tunisia	13 April 1976	13 May 1976
Ukraine	5 February 1976	6 March 1976
United Arab Emirates	9 August 1974	30 August 1975
United Kingdom [1/]	17 November 1975	17 December 1975
United Republic of Tanzania	28 July 2008	27 August 2008
United States	29 April 1974	30 August 1975
Vanuatu	22 September 1992	22 October 1992

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ANNEX 2

LIST OF CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH HAVE ACCEPTED THE 1978 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

	Date of deposit of acceptance
Belgium	25 November 1988
Canada	27 February 1979
Denmark	12 June 1979
Finland	17 December 1992
France	1 October 1979
Germany	29 May 1987
Iceland	30 October 1996
Italy	30 April 1984
Japan	15 October 1980
Monaco	17 February 1992
Netherlands [1/]	20 September 1979
Norway	3 November 1992
Portugal	10 March 1989
South Africa	9 June 1994
Spain	11 September 1990
Sweden	16 May 1980
Switzerland	15 December 1987
United Kingdom [1/]	21 March 1980
United States	24 October 1980
Vanuatu	22 September 1992

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