THE SECOND CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

CONSIDERING the obligations contained in Articles X and XI of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter whereby the Contracting Parties undertake, inter alia, to develop procedures for the settlement of disputes,

RECALLING that at the First Consultative Meeting the Contracting Parties undertook a preliminary examination of procedures for the settlement of disputes in accordance with Article XI of the Convention,

AGREEING that procedures for the settlement of disputes should be developed within the framework of the Convention,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the progress of discussions on the peaceful settlement of disputes at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

AGREES to consider proposals at the Third Consultative Meeting of Parties to incorporate provisions for the settlement of disputes within the framework of the Convention,

INVITES the Contracting Parties to submit suggestions for such provisions to the Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization during the intersessional period,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization to circulate, in advance of the Third Consultative Meeting, any such submissions received with a view to the development and possible adoption of such provisions by that Meeting,

INVITES all Contracting Parties, until such time as provisions for the settlement of disputes are adopted, to resolve any disputes in accordance with their obligations under Article 33 of the United Nations Charter.