CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE ARTICLES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Draft Resolution on Enforcement in Ports

Submitted by Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Ireland, New Zealand, Trinidad and Tobago and United States

THE CONFERENCE

HAVING ADOPTED the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, which inter alia, establishes international standards for the prevention and control of pollution from ships and provides for the enforcement of such standards by Administrations and by other Contracting States in respect of violations within their jurisdiction,

DESIROUS of ensuring the adoption of further measures for the more effective enforcement of the International Conference for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, to ensure the protection of the marine environment,

NOTING the view of some delegations that enforcement of the Convention would be more effective if a violation of the Convention could be punished by a State when a ship entered a port of that State, wherever the violation occurred,
NOTING FURTHER the view of other delegations that while adoption of such a principle might be desirable it raised wider implications and was more appropriately a matter for consideration by the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

RECOMMENDS to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea that it give serious consideration to the principle referred to in paragraph 3 above, in addition to any other appropriate enforcement procedures in its formulation of any treaty to be adopted by the Conference.