CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT TEXT OF ANNEX I OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Proposal: Redraft of Regulation 20 of Annex I

Submitted by the United States

The United States submits for consideration by the Committee the following proposal for amended Regulation 20:

(1) Each Contracting Government undertakes to ensure the provision of facilities at oil terminals and in other ports in which ships have oily residues to discharge for the reception of such residues and oily mixtures as remain from oil tankers and other ships, without causing undue delay to ships, and according to the needs of the ships using them.

(2) The requirement to provide facilities in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall apply only to:

(a) all ports and terminals which load crude oil into tankers where such tankers have immediately prior to arrival completed a ballast voyage of not more than [72] hours or not more than [1200] nautical miles;

(b) all ports and terminals which load persistent or non-persistent oil products at an average rate of more than [100] metric tons per day;
(c) all ship repair yards and tank cleaning facilities; and

(d) all ports and terminals which handle ships provided with the holding tank(s) required by Regulation 17 of this Annex.

(3) The capacity for the reception facilities shall be as follows:

(a) Crude loading terminals shall have sufficient reception facilities to receive oil and oily mixtures which cannot be discharged in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9(1)(a) from all tankers on voyages as defined in paragraph 2(a) of this Regulation.

(b) Loading ports and terminals referred to in paragraph 2(b) of this Regulation shall have sufficient reception facilities to receive oil and oily mixtures which cannot be discharged in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9(1)(a) from tankers which load oils referred to in paragraph 2(b) of this Regulation.

(c) All ship repair yards and tank cleaning facilities shall have sufficient reception facilities to receive all residues and oily mixtures as remain on board for disposal from ships prior to entering such yards or facilities.

(d) All facilities provided in ports and terminals under paragraph 2(d) of this Regulation shall be sufficient to receive all residues retained according to Regulation 17 of this Annex from all ships that may reasonably be expected to call at such ports and terminals.

(4) The reception facilities prescribed in (2) and (3) shall be made available no later than one year from the date of entry into force of this Convention or by 1 January 1976, whichever occurs later.

(5) As regards paragraph (1) of this Regulation, each Contracting Government shall report to the Organization for transmission to the Contracting Governments concerned all cases where the facilities are alleged to be inadequate.