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

Draft Resolution

Submitted by Sweden

THE CONFERENCE,

HAVING CONCLUDED the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973;

AWARE of Recommendation 86(e) adopted by the UN Conference on the Human Environment recommending governments, within the framework of the International Conference on Marine Pollution, initiat.ive to strive towards complete elimination of deliberate pollution by oil from ships, with the goal of achieving this by the middle of the present decade;

NOTING that the Governing Council of UNEP at its first session has requested the Executive Director to urge IMCO to set a time-limit for the complete prohibition of intentional oil discharge in the seas;

CONSIDERING that the Convention and particularly the rules contained therein on the discharge of oil into the sea will be an important means of curbing pollution by oil from ships;

RECOGNIZING, however, that the Convention alone may not be sufficient for a satisfactory protection of the sea from pollution by oil from ships,
1. RECOMMENDS governments and other parties concerned to undertake concerted efforts, including the elaboration of additional regulations within the framework of IMCO, to further reduce the discharge of oil from ships into the seas with a view to the complete elimination of intentional discharges towards the end of the present decade;

2. INVITES IMCO to take all possible measures to assist governments in this task.