



SCIENTIFIC GROUP OF THE LONDON
CONVENTION – 31st Meeting; and

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SCIENTIFIC GROUP OF THE LONDON
PROTOCOL – 2nd Meeting
19 – 23 May 2008
Agenda item 1

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the 31st meeting of the Scientific Group under the London Convention and the
2nd meeting of the Scientific Group under the London Protocol to be held in Guayaquil,
Ecuador¹, from Monday, 19 May at 09.30 a.m. to Friday, 23 May 2008**

- Opening of the meetings
- 1 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2 Ocean fertilization
 - 3 Waste Assessment Guidance
 - 4 CO₂ sequestration in sub-seabed geological formations (LP)
 - 5 Development of Guidance for the Placement of Artificial Reefs
 - 6 Reporting on dumping activities
 - 7 Technical co-operation and assistance
 - 8 Monitoring and assessment of the marine environment
 - 9 Coastal management issues associated with activities to prevent marine pollution
 - 10 Habitat modification and enhancement
 - 11 Outcome of Science Day: “Impact of climate change and acidification of the oceans”
 - 12 Guidelines, manuals, bibliographies and information exchange
 - 13 Review of the Joint Work Programme

¹ Details of venue, accommodation options and travel details will follow in due course.

- 14 Any other business
- 15 Election of Officers for both Scientific Groups
- 16 Consideration and adoption of the report

Legend:

“LP”: specific agenda item for the LP Scientific Group

No marking: joint items

Notes:

In accordance with the decision of the 25th Consultative Meeting that the IMO Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the MSC and the MEPC should apply to these meetings, and also the decision of the 30th meeting of the LC-Scientific Group:

- .1 documents should be received in the Secretariat as follows:
 - .1 documents (including information documents) containing more than 6 pages of text (bulky documents) by **Friday, 14 March 2008 (9 week deadline)**;
 - .2 non-bulky documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraph .1 above, or on items already on the agenda, by **Friday, 4 April 2008 (6 week deadline)**; and
 - .3 documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraphs .1 and .2 above containing 4 pages or less, by **Friday, 18 April 2008 (4 week deadline)**. These documents should start with a paragraph clearly indicating the document on which comments are made;
- .2 as a general rule, documents, other than information documents, as specified in subparagraphs .1.1 and .1.2 above, should not contain more than 50 pages. In the case of reports from working, drafting or correspondence groups and in other exceptional circumstances, this number of pages may be exceeded, provided that the appropriate deadline for receipt of the document by the Secretariat, is put back by one week for every 20 pages exceeding 50 pages;
- .3 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:
 - .1 all documents should include a brief summary prepared;
 - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action which the meetings are invited to take; and
 - .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein;

- .4 to facilitate their processing, documents should be accompanied by computer diskettes, preferably in Microsoft Word, where available. Documents may also be submitted via the Internet as text or in Microsoft Word to the following e-mail address (rcoenen@imo.org or ekleverl@imo.org). In such cases, documents should be confirmed by hard copies to facilitate processing of the document, i.e. attachment of annexes to main texts, and to check that none of the text has been garbled during sending or conversion.
- .5 copies of all documents will also be made available at the meetings in Ecuador.
