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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the thirty-first Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention
and the fourth Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol,
to be held at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR
from Monday, 26 October at 09.30 a.m. to Friday, 30 October 2009**

Opening of the Meetings

- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Status of the London Convention and Protocol
- 3 Consideration of the report of the Scientific Groups
- 4 Ocean fertilization
- 5 CO₂ sequestration in sub-seabed geological formations:
 - .1 CO₂ sequestration in transboundary sub-seabed geological formations
 - .2 experiences with CO₂ sequestration projects
- 6 Compliance issues:
 - .1 consideration of the report of the 2nd session of the Compliance Group (LP)
 - .2 other issues
- 7 Technical co-operation and assistance
- 8 Interpretation of the London Convention and Protocol

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- 9 Matters related to the management of radioactive wastes
- 10 Monitoring for the purposes of the London Convention and Protocol
- 11 Outreach to prospective new Contracting Parties to the Protocol and relations with other organizations in the field of marine environmental protection
- 12 Administrative arrangements and future work:
 - .1 review of the Joint Long-term Programme for the period 2010 to 2012
 - .2 substantive items for the agenda and date for the 32nd Consultative Meeting and 5th Meeting of Contracting Parties
- 13 Any other business
- 14 Election of Officers for both governing bodies
- 15 Consideration and adoption of the report.

Legend:

“LP”: specific agenda item for the Meeting of Contracting Parties
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:

- .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, 24 July 2009 (13-week deadline)**;
 - .2 non-bulky documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraph .1 above, or on items already on the agenda, by **Friday, 21 August 2009 (9-week deadline)**; and
 - .3 documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraphs .1 and .2 above containing 4 pages or less, by **Friday, 4 September 2009 (7-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). 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.
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