



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Revised HELCOM Recommendation 10/11

Adopted 15 February 1989 and amended 5 March 2018
having regard to Article 17
of the Helsinki Convention

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM VESSEL-BASED POLLUTION

THE COMMISSION,

RECALLING that under Article 17 the Contracting Parties undertake, as soon as possible, jointly to develop and accept rules concerning responsibility for damage, resulting from acts or omissions in contravention of the present Convention,

NOTING the importance of the achievements made within the International Maritime Organization as regards liability regimes for vessel-based pollution,

NOTING FURTHER the current work within that Organization to bring into force the liability regime created by the Protocol of 2010 to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 (HNS PROT 2010),

RECOGNIZING that the cooperation between the Baltic Sea States within the International Maritime Organization in matters relating to the protection of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea Area from vessel-based pollution should be further enhanced,

RECOMMENDS the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention to:

- a) accede to/ratify and enforce existing Conventions concluded under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization, such as the Protocol of 2010 to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 (HNS PROT 2010), the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 (Nairobi WRC 2007) and the 1971 Convention relating to Civil Liability in the field of Maritime Carriage of Nuclear Material;
- b) cooperate fully within the International Maritime Organization with a view to elaborating further regimes on liability for pollution damage.