

## **HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 13/1**

Adopted 6 February 1992, having regard to  
Article 9, Paragraph 2 of the Helsinki Convention

### **DISPOSAL OF DREDGED SPOILS**

#### **THE COMMISSION,**

**RECALLING** Paragraph 2 of Article 9 of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1974, (Helsinki Convention), concerning the regulation of dumping of dredged spoils,

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the protection of the marine environment in the area of the Convention warrants special attention in the case of the management of the disposal of dredged spoils,

**RECOGNIZING** that the application of agreed Guidelines for the Disposal of Dredged Spoils may facilitate the assessment of potential hazards caused by dumping of dredged spoils in the Convention area, thus preventing environmental damage,

**RECOGNIZING ALSO** that the application of Guidelines may facilitate the issuing of permits by national authorities for the dumping of dredged spoils,

**RECOMMENDS** to the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention that

- a) the Contracting Parties follow the Guidelines for the Disposal of Dredged Spoils as adopted by the Commission at its 13th Meeting and as to be amended by the Environment Committee, if necessary;
- b) the Contracting Parties report on the national implementation of, and their experience with, the Guidelines to the Helsinki Commission in 1995.