

Helsinki 16-19 February 1981

**HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 2/1**

adopted on 18 February 1981 having regard to Article 24. of the Helsinki Convention

**RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING AMENDMENT OF REGULATION 5 OF ANNEX  
IV OF THE HELSINKI CONVENTION**

**THE COMMISSION,**

**NOTING** that the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1974 (Helsinki Convention) in Regulation 5 of Annex IV stipulates that the Contracting Parties as soon as possible, but not later than 1 January 1977 or at a date not later than, one year after the entry into force of the Convention, whichever occurs later, shall decide upon a date from which the provisions on the discharge of noxious liquid substances in bulk from ships while operating in the Baltic Sea Area shall apply,

**NOTING ALSO** that the Convention entered into force on 3 May 1980 thus necessitating the decision by the Contracting Parties to be taken before 3 May 1981,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** that the Representatives of the Contracting Parties at the second meeting of the Commission have stated the readiness of their respective Governments to fulfil the requirements of Regulation 5 of Annex IV of the Convention before July 1984,

**BEING MINDFUL** of the desirability to restrict at the earliest possible date the discharges of noxious liquid substances into the sea from ships operating in the Baltic Sea Area,

**HAVING CONSIDERED** a proposal by Finland for the amendment of the preambular part of Regulation 5 of Annex IV of the Convention, with the aim that the date from which the provisions of Regulation 5 shall apply, should be stated in the text of the Convention,

**RESOLVES**

- a) to adopt the amendment to the preambular part of Regulation 5 of Annex IV of the Convention appearing in the Annex to this Recommendation;

- b) to ask the Depository Government to communicate this amendment to the Contracting Parties with the Commission's recommendation for acceptance;
- c) to determine that the amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted, unless prior to 1 April 1981 any one of the Contracting Parties has objected to the amendment; and
- d) to determine that the accepted amendment shall enter into force on 3 May 1981.

Attachment 1

The preambular part of Regulation 5 of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention is amended to read as follows:

The provisions of this Regulation shall apply from 1 July 1984.