

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE

1. Signature, ratification, acceptance and approval of and accession to the legal instruments

The Conference,

Having concluded and adopted on this thirteenth day of February 1976 the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft and the Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency (hereinafter respectively referred to as "the Convention" and "the Protocols"),

Desirous of ensuring that the Convention and the Protocols shall begin to produce their effects at the earliest possible moment,

Having regard to the clauses in the Convention and in the Protocols which govern the signature, ratification, acceptance or approval of the said instruments and accession thereto and their entry into force,

Having regard furthermore to the provisions in the Convention which relate to the functions of the Depositary,

Having designated the Government of Spain as Depositary of the Convention and of the Protocols,

1. Invites the Government of Spain to open the Convention and the Protocols for signature in Barcelona on 16 February 1976 and in Madrid from 17 February 1976 to 16 February 1977, by all those entitled to sign the said instruments by virtue of their provisions governing signature;

2. Requests the Government of Spain to perform all the functions pertaining to the Depositary pursuant to the relevant provisions of article 29 of the Convention.

3. Urges all parties that are entitled to sign the Convention and the Protocols to do so as soon as practicable and to complete at the earliest opportunity the constitutional procedures needed for the ratification, acceptance or approval of the Convention under their respective statutory or legislative provisions and to transmit the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to the Depositary;

4. Calls upon all parties entitled to accede to the Convention and the Protocols to do so as soon as possible after the period specified in article 26 of the Convention.