

5. Reporting by ships and aircraft of  
pollution incidents

The Conference,

Having adopted the text of the Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency which provides in article 8 that the masters of ships flying the flags of Parties and pilots of aircraft registered with Parties are required to report on incidents involving harmful substances,

Noting article 8 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, and Protocol I of that Convention, concerning the reports on incidents involving harmful substances,

Recognizing the importance of the provisions of article 8 of the Protocol first above mentioned being applied also by ships flying the flags of States and aircraft registered in States which are not Parties to the Protocol,

1. Requests the Parties to the said Protocol to prevail upon other States to take appropriate steps so that ships flying their flags and aircraft registered in their countries will observe the provision of article 8 of the Protocol;
2. Requests further the Parties to the Protocol to encourage charterers of their nationality to insert in charter parties a clause to the effect that the ships in question navigating in the Mediterranean Sea Area shall observe the same provision as a ship flying the flag of a Party;
3. Invites the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to assist in the implementation of the above-mentioned measures.