

International Maritime Organization

Co-Sponsors: Pakistan, India, France, Argentina, Thailand, Russian Federation, Italy, Belgium, Azerbaijan, Uruguay, and Australia Topic: "Protecting the Oceans"

The International Maritime Organization, convinced that the ocean is the world's greatest resource,

Deeply disturbed that approximately 1.4 billion pounds of trash per year enters the ocean,

Having considered that the ocean carries cargo ships across the world,

Deeply regretting that factories, oil spills, pesticides and other pollutants are harmful to the sea,

Alarmed that marine pollution has led to the death of many marine organisms,

Fully aware that the ocean harbors the greatest biodiversity of any habitat in the world,

Stressing that the ocean, is finite and must be protected,

- 1. Condemns illegal fishing;
- 2. Suggests that countries prevent plastic from entering the ocean;
- 3. Encourages farmers to use fewer pesticides;
- 4. Calls upon member nations to promote the use of alternative fuels, such as solar or wind power, to reduce oil consumption and to adopt stricter oil drilling and transporting

policies;

- 5. Suggests reforms to car engine technology to reduce pollution;
- 6. Invites coastal countries to actively protect their coastlines;
- 7. Expresses its hope that governments control open beaches, and recruit volunteers to urge the tourists not to throw garbage into the sea;
- 8. Encourages countries to aid areas struck by national disaster by cleaning the pollution before it can wash into the oceans;
- Further recommends that governments donate money to organizations that clean up oil spills;
- 10. Requests that the UN establish a foundation to minimize marine pollution;
- 11. Demands continuous attention to the problem of protecting the oceans.