

6. Ballast Water:

- (a) the Parties shall establish and implement programs and measures that protect the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem from the discharge of Aquatic Invasive Species in Ballast Water, taking into account Annex 6 of this Agreement and, as appropriate, the standards set forth in the *International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004*, and associated guidance; and
- (b) the Parties shall undertake scientific and economic analysis, when appropriate, on the following:
 - (i) risks posed by the discharge of Ballast Water from Vessels;
 - (ii) Ballast Water management systems in light of the unique characteristics (such as salinity and temperature) of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem; and
 - (iii) alternative technologies and approaches to protect the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem from Aquatic Invasive Species in Ballast Water discharge.

Reception facilities

The Parties shall, as appropriate, ensure that adequate facilities are provided to receive, treat and dispose of vessel wastes such as Oil and Hazardous Polluting Substances, Garbage, Wastewater, and Sewage, and Ballast Water.