PROTECTION OF THE OCEANS, ALL KINDS OF SEAS INCLUDING ENCLOSED AND SEMI-ENCLOSED SEAS, COASTAL AREAS AND THE PROTECTION, RATIONAL USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR LIVING RESOURCES

Revised draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The Preparatory Committee

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Protection of the Oceans, all kinds of seas including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources (A/CONF.151/PC/69) and the Options for Agenda 21 on the same matter (A/CONF.151/PC/42/Add.6).

2. Invites the intergovernmental meeting of experts on the degradation of the marine environment from land-based sources of pollution and activities in coastal areas to be convened by UNEP in coordination with the UNCED Secretariat and other relevant United Nations organisations to consider the elements and policy considerations as included in the Annex to this decision, taking fully into account United Nations General Assembly Resolution 44/228.

2b ~~3~~. Invites the Executive Director of UNEP to report the results of this meeting to the Secretary-General of the Conference to be presented at the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee.

3 ~~4~~. Decides to submit for its consideration at its fourth session a compilation document comprised of the outcome of discussions ("Chairman's Working Paper of 23 August 1991" and "some delegations' proposals dated 27 August 1991") and other documents and proposals submitted to the Chairman during the third session.

4 ~~5~~. Invites governments to submit any additional comments to the compilation document in writing to the secretariat before 15 October 1991. These proposals will be included in the document to be prepared by the secretariat at its fourth session.

5 ~~6~~. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to submit to the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session for its consideration revised options for Agenda 21 indicating the origin of proposals when they reflect the results of experts meetings, taking into account:

a) United Nations General Assembly Resolution 44/228

b) The debate and the relevant decisions taken at this session including on the format of Agenda 21 and means of implementation as contained in A/CONF.151/PC/L.49

c) The results of the Meeting of Experts on the Degradation of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Sources of Pollution and Activities in Coastal Areas, to be convened by UNEP.

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