

- (iv) consideration of available information on other effects from the introduction of such control measures relating to:
- the environment (including, but not limited to, the cost of inaction and the impact on air quality);
  - shipyard health and safety concerns (i.e. effects on shipyard workers);
  - the cost to international shipping and other relevant sectors; and
- (v) consideration of the availability of suitable alternatives, including a consideration of the potential risks of alternatives.
- (b) The technical group's report shall be in writing and shall take into account each of the evaluations and considerations referred to in subparagraph (a), except that the technical group may decide not to proceed with the evaluations and considerations described in subparagraph (a)(ii) through (a)(v) if it determines after the evaluation in subparagraph (a)(i) that the proposal does not warrant further consideration.
- (c) The technical group's report shall include, *inter alia*, a recommendation on whether international controls pursuant to this Convention are warranted on the anti-fouling system in question, on the suitability of the specific control measures suggested in the comprehensive proposal, or on other control measures which it believes to be more suitable.