

convention on international liability for the maritime transport of hazardous and polluting substances. The material on this subject consists of four sets of draft articles, which represent the various alternatives before the Committee (to make the shipowner and cargo owner jointly liable, to make the shipowner liable up to a certain limit and, thereafter, the owner of the cargo up to a further limit; to make the cargo owner solely liable; to make the shipowner solely liable). In addition, the Committee has a report from a working group of technical experts setting out a list of substances to be covered by a new regime on international liability. This subject now enjoys the highest priority in the Committee's work programme, the objective being to have it ready for a diplomatic conference in 1982.

