

ANNEX 5

STUDIES OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPPING SOURCES

1. *Studies.* The Parties agree that studies of pollution problems in the Great Lakes System that arise in relation to shipping activities shall be undertaken for the purpose of strengthening their programs and other measures for the abatement and control of pollution from shipping sources. Responsibility for the coordination of these studies is assigned to the United States Coast Guard and the Canadian Ministry of Transport. Initially, these studies shall include the following subjects:

- (a) *Navigational Equipment.* Determination of minimum safe standards respecting the fitting, maintenance, testing, and use of navigational equipment for both normal and ice operations.
- (b) *Traffic Routes for Navigational Purposes.* Review of the existing informal system of traffic routes and determination of their adequacy and effectiveness; determination of the need for additional traffic routes; review of track widths, shifting of tracks, limited tracks, rules of passing, speeds, and similar matters for normal and ice operations; and identification of priorities for needed remedial measures.
- (c) *Traffic Control.* Review of existing traffic control systems and determination of their adequacy and effectiveness; determination of the need for additional traffic control systems; review of operations with respect to open waters, harbours, and channels under normal and ice conditions; and identification of priorities for needed remedial measures.
- (d) *Manning of Vessels.* Review of existing United States and Canadian competency standards to determine acceptable minimum standards; review of existing foreign competency standards to determine whether they are adequate and effective and equivalent to the United States and Canadian minimum standards; determination of the need for certificated pilots and other officers and for improvement of existing pilot certifications, for special manning regulations for towing vessels, for separate manning standards for ice operations, and for separate manning standards for vessels carrying oil and hazardous polluting substances in periods of adverse weather or in areas of high traffic density.
- (e) *Aids to Navigation Systems.* Review of the adequacy and effectiveness of existing aids to navigation systems; determination of the need for additional aids to navigation; and identification of priorities for needed remedial measures.
- (f) *Waste Water.* Review of problems arising from the discharge of waste waters, and recommendations for reducing the deleterious effects of such discharges.