

ANNEX B

Joint Contingency Plan concerning Pollution Incidents Resulting from Shipping Activities

Paragraph 1.

- 1.1. For the purpose of enhancing the safety of shipping and to protect the marine environment, the Parties shall endeavour to exchange current information as appropriate on the nature and movement of shipping in the area covered by this Agreement.
- 1.2. The Parties shall exchange information on the status and implementation of their respective ship-source pollution contingency plans.
- 1.3. Exchange of information between the Parties in accordance with this Paragraph shall be subject to their respective laws or any understanding with respect to confidentiality.
- 1.4. The Parties shall keep each other informed of:
 - I) the agencies responsible for coordinating response operations in the event of a ship-source pollution incident,
 - II) the organizations and officials responsible within the aforementioned agencies,
 - III) the procedures to initiate the contingency plans for the areas concerned,
 - IV) such personnel, equipment and other resources as may be available.

Paragraph 2.

- 2.1. The Parties undertake to request the masters of all ships and pilots of all aircraft in the area covered by this Agreement to report without delay through the channels which may be most practicable and adequate in the circumstances:
 - I) any casualty that is causing or likely to cause a pollution incident,
 - II) the presence, nature and extent of harmful substances likely to constitute a serious threat to the coast or related interests of one of the Parties.

Paragraph 3.

- 3.1. In the event of a pollution incident, the Party within whose area of responsibility the incident occurs shall make an assessment of the nature and extent of the pollution incident in order to enable that Party to decide whether to initiate a response operation to combat the pollution incident. In making such assessment the Parties shall take into account the type and quantity of harmful substances and their direction and speed.