

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE

The States Parties to the present Convention,
CONSCIOUS of the dangers of pollution posed by
the worldwide maritime carriage of oil in bulk,
CONVINCED of the need to ensure that adequate
compensation is available to persons who suffer
damage caused by pollution resulting from the escape
or discharge of oil from ships,

DESIRING to adopt uniform international rules
and procedures for determining questions of
liability and providing adequate compensation in
such cases,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I

For the purposes of this Convention:

1. "Ship" means any sea-going vessel and any
seaborne craft of any type whatsoever, actually
carrying oil in bulk as cargo.
2. "Person" means any individual or partnership
or any public or private body, whether corporate or
not, including a State or any of its constituent
subdivisions.
3. "Owner" means the person or persons registered
as the owner of the ship or, in the absence of
registration, the person or persons owning the ship.