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**AMENDMENTS TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS
MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO, AS AMENDED
Revised MARPOL Annex VI – Resolution MEPC.176(58)**

Withdrawal of objection by Estonia

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the amendments to the annex of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78) adopted at the fifty-eighth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on 10 October 2008, in accordance with article 16 of the Convention, and set out in the annex to resolution MEPC.176(58); and to inform that he received, on 27 March 2014, the following communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia:

"The Republic of Estonia withdraws the objection made in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and that the Government of the Republic of Estonia has approved, on 27 March 2014, the revised Annex VI of the Convention as adopted by the resolution MEPC.176(58) by the Marine Environment Protection Committee on 10 October 2008."

The Marine Environment Protection Committee determined, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2010 and will enter into force on 1 July 2010 unless, prior to the former date, not less than one-third of the Parties to MARPOL 73/78 or Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified to the Organization their objections to the amendments. As at 1 January 2010, two objections¹ had been received. The amendments, accordingly, entered into force on 1 July 2010. The objection by Estonia has, however, been subsequently withdrawn as described above, with immediate effect.

¹ On 22 December 2009 and 30 December 2009, the Depository received objections from the Governments of Finland and Estonia, respectively.