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LC-LP.1/Circ.98  
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**CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING  
OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972, AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL**

**Request for information to support the review of the LP/LC Strategic Plan**

**Background**

1 The LP/LC Strategic Plan, which was adopted by the governing bodies in 2016 (LC 38/16, paragraph 3.15, and annex 2)\*, is intended to facilitate the implementation of the London Protocol and the London Convention in order to contribute to the prevention of marine pollution and to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Strategic Plan sets out the strategic directions and targets that London Protocol and London Convention Parties are working to achieve by 2030. It is intended to serve as an overarching tool to guide, focus, and prioritize the work of the Parties and to communicate their shared objectives to the outside world.

2 To achieve its objectives, the Strategic Plan sets out targets, more specifically with respect to increasing rates of ratification of, and accession to, the London Protocol, increasing the levels of reporting, and with respect to the designation of national authorities and implementation of the LC/LP in domestic legislation.

3 The requested information will inform on progress towards the targets for the Strategic Plan and will be crucial for the periodic reviews of the Strategic Plan in 2022 and 2026, as agreed by the governing bodies. However, Contracting Parties are also reminded of the requirement to submit the information requested under article 9.4.2 of the London Protocol, and article VI of the London Convention, in relation to the administrative and legislative measures taken to implement to provisions of the treaties.

4 Some Contracting Parties have in the past submitted this information, and the London Protocol Compliance Group (LP-CG) has developed a library of sample legislation. However, attempts to collate the information also indicate that the much of the information is incomplete, and in many cases outdated.

**Request for information**

5 Therefore, to facilitate the review of the Strategic Plan in 2022, and in line with the obligations under both the Convention and Protocol, Contracting Parties are invited to submit to the Secretariat, the following information:

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\* [https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/OurWork/Environment/Documents/Strategic%20Plan%20leaflet\\_final\\_web.pdf](https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/OurWork/Environment/Documents/Strategic%20Plan%20leaflet_final_web.pdf)

1. **Contracting Party:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Name and email of responder:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **LC/LP National Focal Point, if known:** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Party to:**
  - a. LC [ ]
  - b. LP [ ]
  - c. LC and LP [ ]
5. **Has your country identified a national authority to implement the LC/LP?**
  - a. Yes [ ]                      No [ ]
  - b. If so, what is the name of the authority: \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Does your country have domestic legislation/regulations to implement the LC/LP?**
  - a. Yes [ ]                      No [ ]
  - b. If yes, what is the title of the legislation: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Please provide the weblink to the legislation: \_\_\_\_\_

6 Contracting Parties are invited to submit the requested information to the Secretariat either directly **by email** ([olcp@imo.org](mailto:olcp@imo.org)) **or by completing an online questionnaire** (in English only), available at:

**Website:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HHNZ572>

**Password:** StratPlan2022

**Deadline:** 31 December 2021

7 In addition, Contracting Parties in a position to do so are also invited to provide the following more detailed information about their legal framework (by way of email to the Secretariat: [olcp@imo.org](mailto:olcp@imo.org)), as requested by the LP-CG (see the report of the eleventh meeting of the LP-CG (LC 40/16, annex 3):

- Document title
- Short title
- Document reference
- Document type
- Legal system
- Monist or dualist
- Year of adoption
- Available languages
- Part of the Protocol implemented

**Reminder to update National Focal Point (NFP) contact details in GISIS**

8 In light of the information request above and to ensure that the Secretariat has access to the correct contacts to keep this and other information up to date, Contracting Parties are also reminded to ensure that the contact details of their LC/LP National Focal Point are up to date in the LC/LP Contact Points module of GISIS (<http://gisis.imo.org>) through their national IMO Web Accounts Administrator. More information can be found in circular LC-LP.1/Circ.72.

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