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**CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING
OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972 AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL**

JOINT WORK PROGRAMME

(2018-2020)

1 Since 2008, the Joint Work Programme (JWP) has been updated directly after the session of the governing bodies at the end of each year and has served as a reference document at the start of the new meetings' season. Those updates were provided in light of achievements and decisions at preceding sessions of the governing bodies and incorporated, as instructed, the activities given to the LC/LP Scientific Groups and the LP Compliance Group. The governing bodies and their subsidiary bodies would then focus their discussions on future work set out in the short priority tables provided in the JWP, as used in previous years (LC 30/16, paragraphs 13.12 to 13.16).

2 In 2016, the governing bodies adopted a Strategic Plan for the London Convention and London Protocol (LC 38/16, annex 2). The Plan is intended to facilitate the implementation of the two treaties in order to contribute to the prevention of marine pollution and to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Plan also has a clear mandate to promote the ratification and accession to the London Protocol.

3 In 2017, the governing bodies approved the implementation plan for the Strategic Plan and, in a departure from the normal practice of updating the JWP, agreed that a full revision of the JWP should be undertaken, taking into account considerations and recommendations in LC 39/WP.5, and requested the Secretariat to issue an interim version of the JWP. Subsequently, the subsidiary bodies should review and revise their work programmes and/or work plans taking into account the implementation plan, and a full, streamlined version of the JWP would then be submitted to the next joint session of the governing bodies in 2018 (LC 39/16, paragraphs 3.20 and 3.23, and annex 2).

4 This circular contains, in the annex, the following elements that constitute the interim Joint Work Programme:

Annex 1: Strategic Plan for the London Protocol and London Convention
(LC 38/16, annex 2)

Annex 2: Implementation plan for the Strategic Plan for the London Protocol
and London Convention (LC 39/16/Add.1, annex 2)

- Annex 3: Joint Work Programme for the Scientific Groups (LC 39/16, annex 8); and
- Annex 4: Future Work Programme of the London Protocol Compliance Group LC 39/16, annex 4).

ANNEX 1

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE LONDON PROTOCOL AND LONDON CONVENTION

The **Strategic Plan** was adopted on 18 October 2016 by the thirty-eighth Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (London Convention), and the eleventh Meeting of Contracting Parties to the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention, 1972 (London Protocol).¹

Purpose

The Strategic Plan 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 Sustainable Development Agenda.

This 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.

Background

The Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 ("the London Convention") was one of the earliest multilateral environmental agreements. It was an international policy response to decades of dumping into the ocean, dredging and incineration at sea. Its creation was spurred on by the 1972 Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, and its provisions influenced the negotiation of the ocean dumping provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, particularly Articles 210 and 216.

Recognizing the need for a more precautionary and preventive approach the Parties undertook a comprehensive review of the Convention leading to the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter 1972 (the "London Protocol"), a new, free-standing treaty which entered into force in 2006 and is intended to replace the London Convention. The London Protocol now prohibits the dumping of wastes at sea with only a limited number of waste streams that can be considered for permits. The Parties to the Protocol have responded to new activities such as marine geoengineering and carbon capture and storage through amendments to the Protocol adopted in 2006, 2009 and 2013.²

¹ LC 38/16, paragraph 3.15 and annex 2.

² Resolutions LP.1(1), LP.3(4) and LP.4(8).

Strategic Directions

SD1 Promote ratification of or accession to the London Protocol

- 1.1 *Provide* specific technical and legal assistance and support to countries wishing to ratify or accede to the London Protocol
- 1.2 *Conduct* regular promotional events, disseminate information, and conduct regional outreach, etc.
- 1.3 *Promote* the objectives of the London Protocol and the benefits of ratification/accession
- 1.4 *Strongly encourage* countries to transition from the London Convention to the London Protocol

TARGET UNDER SD1

Substantially increase the rate per year of new ratifications or accessions to the London Protocol³

SD 2 Enhance effective implementation of the London Convention and London Protocol

- 2.1 *Provide* technical assistance and support to Contracting Parties, in particular developing countries
- 2.2 *Develop* guidance and take measures to address regulatory, technical, and scientific barriers to support effective implementation
- 2.3 *Encourage and facilitate* improved compliance, including on reporting, by Contracting Parties
- 2.4 *Encourage and facilitate* participation by Contracting Parties in the work of the London Convention and London Protocol

TARGETS UNDER SD2

By 2022: 75% of all Parties report
By 2026: 85% of all Parties report
By 2030: 100% of all Parties report

By 2022: 100% of all Parties with a national authority
By 2026: 100% of all Parties with a national authority
By 2030: 100% of all Parties with a national authority

By 2022: 50% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Protocol
By 2026: 75% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Protocol
By 2030: 100% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Protocol

³ Since entry into force until 2016, 21 Parties have ratified or acceded to the London Protocol. The rate of ratification or accession to the London Protocol is 2.1 per year during this period.

- By 2022: 50% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Convention
- By 2026: 75% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Convention
- By 2030: 100% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Convention
- By 2022: the London Protocol Compliance Group has 15 members representing all five United Nations regions

SD 3 Promote the work of the London Convention and London Protocol externally

3.1 *Promote* the objectives of the London Convention and London Protocol within relevant international, regional and national organizations

3.2 *Strengthen* cooperation with other relevant international bodies on issues of common interest

SD 4 Identify and address emerging issues in the marine environment within the scope of the London Convention and/or London Protocol

4.1 *Identify and evaluate* emerging trends and risks to the marine environment based on best available scientific evidence

4.2 *Respond* as appropriate to newly identified risks to the marine environment taking into account recommendations from the London Convention and London Protocol Scientific Groups

ANNEX 2

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

CONSIDERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EACH STRATEGIC DIRECTION

SD 1: Promote ratification of or accession to the London Protocol

Recommendations:	
1.	Two broad categories of work should be incorporated into the various work plans to implement SD 1. These are shown in capitals in the table below.
2.	Work programmes should be reviewed and revised to incorporate the tasks identified in the table below.
3.	Many of the tasks identified in the table below are refinements or clarifications to focus the work already identified in various work plans. However, items shown in italics are new, and do not correspond to existing work, but have been deemed necessary for the implementation of SD 1.
4.	Establishment of a Communications Group and/or identification of an individual dedicated to developing promotional materials for the LP. This is intended to establish capacity for LP promotion using various forms of media and visual communication methods with support from IMO media.

SD 1: Promote ratification of or accession to the London Protocol

Task	Target completion date	Who
PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND LEGAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS		
A. Assist countries requesting support in acceding to the Protocol;		Secretariat, CG, Contracting Parties
.1 Provide technical advice to specific countries, including "twinning" and lead-country arrangements	Ongoing	Secretariat, SG, a Contracting Party
.2 Support interested countries to strengthen reporting and other requirements to facilitate their accession to the Protocol		Secretariat, CG
B. Deliver regional and national workshops in a manner that facilitates ratification/accession.	Ongoing	Secretariat
.1 Involve national and regional level stakeholders in technical workshops		Secretariat, workshop recipients
.2 Implement the revised strategy towards the delivery of workshops as developed by the B2C Steering Group	Ongoing	Secretariat

PROMOTE BENEFITS OF LP ACCESSION/RATIFICATION THROUGH OUTREACH TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS, REGIONS, REGIONAL SEAS AGREEMENTS		
A. Develop materials and tools promoting benefits of LP accession/ratification		B2C, New Communications Group or Individual
.1 Update existing publications and prepare new publications and forms of promotional media	Ongoing	Secretariat, SG, GB, B2C
.2 Promote the LP/LC scientific group as the formal body for scientific cooperation and collaboration on the disposal or placement of waste or other matter at sea		Secretariat, GB, SG
.3 Promote the LP/LC role in Boundary Issues and Emerging Matters of Concern		Secretariat, GB, SG
.4 Update of LP/LC website	Ongoing	Secretariat, SG, GB, CG, B2C, New Communications Group or Individual
B. Identify opportunities for multinational promotion of LP/LC ratification/accession		GB, Secretariat, B2C, New Communications Group or Individual
.1 Promotion of LP/LC at regional seas agreements and within regions (or groups of countries that could ratify together)		Secretariat, GB
.2 Develop promotional tools to communicate the linkages between LP ratification and advancing the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs		B2C, New Communications Group or Individual
C. Develop and implement communication plans for various products promoting ratification/accession	Ongoing	B2C
D. Conduct promotional events targeting high level audiences	Ongoing	B2C, Secretariat, GB
E. Develop country by country outreach strategies to support transitioning from the LC to the LP		Secretariat, GB

SD 2: Enhance effective implementation of the London Protocol and London Convention

Sub-Strategic Direction(s)	Description: LC/LP Joint Work Programme	Subsidiary body to LC/LP or LP	Target(s)	Other
2.1, 2.2, 2.3	1. Review and develop guidance and address technical and scientific issues to implement the London Convention and Protocol			
	1.1 Waste Assessment Guidance (WAG)			
	1.2 Other technical and scientific issues Note: title/description may need to be modified for SD 2. Work item includes but is not limited to habitat mod/enhancement, BU, Coastal Management, sewage sludge management, Science Day (also may include waste prevention, alternative waste management options, technical improvements)	SGs		
	1.3 Monitoring and Assessment	SGs		
2.1, 2.2	2. Address and Manage Climate Change Issues Note: title/description may need to be modified for SD 2	SGs		
	2.1 CO ₂ sequestration in sub-seabed geological formations (LP)	SGs		
	2.2 Marine geoengineering	SGs		
2.1, 2.2	4. Address Matters Related to the Management of Radioactive Wastes	SGs		
	4.1 Review ongoing issues in relation to dumping of radioactive wastes and other matter	SGs		
	5. Improve Compliance with the Convention and Protocol	SGs, LPCG, B2C		
2.1, 2.3	5.1 Implementation of compliance procedures and mechanisms (LP)	LPCG		
2.3	5.2 Compliance with the reporting requirements under the London Convention and Protocol	SGs, B2C, LPCG		
	6. Provide Outreach, Technical Cooperation and Assistance to Existing and Prospective Members <i>Note: title/description may need to be modified for SD 2, particularly with regard to "Promote"</i>	SGs, B2C		
2.1, 2.3	6.1 Provide Technical Cooperation and Assistance to Existing and Prospective Members	SGs, B2C		
2.1, 2.4	6.2 National focal points and expert registration	Secretariat		

Legend: Shading means description/title should be modified

SD 2: Enhance effective implementation of the London Protocol and London Convention Review of the LC/LP Joint Work Programme, LC/LP SGs Work Programme, B2C Steering Group Work Plan, and LPCG Work Plan

Considerations and Recommendations identified from the review:

- Strategic Direction 2 (SD 2), including its four sub-directions (2.1-2.4), is supported by ongoing and planned work of the LC/LP, LC/LP SGs, B2C, and LPCG.
 - Recommendation: Some titles/descriptions of LC/LP work programme items may need to be revised for SD 2 to better clarify how these work areas contribute to the implementation of the strategic plan
- The work programmes/plans of the SGs, B2C, and LPCG each include several items related to reporting.
 - Recommendation: Development of an action plan for reporting (under development by the B2C) should be prioritized in the intersessional period so that it may be considered in future work planning efforts of the SGs and LPCG related to reporting. This "action plan for reporting" will consider ongoing and planned activities of the SGs, LPCG, and B2C related to reporting. This action plan is anticipated to support progress towards meeting the reporting targets under SD 2.

SD3 Promote the work of the London Protocol and London Convention externally		
1. Broad categories of work to implement SD3 already exist within long-term work programmes of the governing Bodies, the SGs, the CG and B2C.		
2. Work programmes should be reviewed and revised to incorporate the tasks identified in the table below.		
3. Many of the tasks identified in the table below are summaries of the work already identified in various work plans. However, some items are refinements of the existing work or are new, and do not correspond to existing work, but have been deemed necessary for the implementation of SD3.		
4. New tasks or functions are recommended to better promote the work of the LC-LP externally and involve the creation of a function responsible for promotion, collection of information, marketing etc. and the development of the concept of marketing the SGs as a centre of excellence in the areas of dredged material assessment and management and in many of the emerging areas.		
Task	Target completion date	Who
Cooperation with certain United Nations agencies and industry organizations on boundary issues and emerging matters of concern including mining, plastics etc	Ongoing	GB – policy or legal analysis on boundaries SG – products including WAGs/best practices/assessments using consultants or GESAMP

When engaging in cooperation, conduct analysis of the value to the target partner and their value to us (EG ISA/GPA etc.). Cooperation work should include communication and training plans or promotion		
Promote Relations with Other Organizations in the Field of Marine Environmental Protection – including other United Nations bodies, IGOs NGOs by sharing products	Ongoing	Secretariat for administrative contact, GB – policy or legal advice SG – products including WAGs/best practices/assessments using consultants or GESAMP
Follow up with the Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment (UN Regular Process)	Ongoing	GB – governance structures and frameworks, way of work etc. SG products including monitoring and assessment information, new processes for assessment or measurement
When promoting global relations, conduct analyses of the products that are needed to produce specialized or targeted products to increase ongoing global relations		
Conduct specific activities to advance Agenda 2030 and SDG14 in relation to LCLP – adjust long term workplan to produce products needed to best show LCLP in this forum (e.g. long term results of treaty from historical dumping work etc.).	2030	GB – governance structures and frameworks, way of work etc. SG products including monitoring and assessment information, new processes for assessment or measurement
Create the function of a promotions officer dedicated to promotion, events, collation of information, (ideal would be an IMO staff officer at Secretariat)	Ongoing	GB/Secretariat/IMO T&C/CG
Create a virtual centre of Excellence in Scientific Groups – on a variety of issues including dredging and disposal, litter, noise, cumulative effects, geoengineering etc. through better promotion and dissemination of guidance and technical assistance	Ongoing	GB/Secretariat (or new promotion officer), SG
Format Science Day into a more open Symposium format with expert participation	Ongoing	Secretariat for administrative contact, GB – policy or legal advice SG – products including WAGs/best practices/assessments using consultants or GESAMP

SD4: Identify and address emerging issues in the marine environment within the scope of LP and/or LC

Task	Who	Target completion date	What*	Others
Assessment of the implications for the work of the LC-LP of ongoing global changes on the marine environment from a scientific and policy perspective	GB, SG	ongoing	evaluate	e.g. relevant legal instruments / GESAMP studies
Use of Science Day for the identification and evaluation of emerging issues	SG	ongoing	identify and evaluate	
Consultation and cooperation with other international bodies	GB, CP, SG	ongoing	identify, evaluate and respond	GESAMP, ISA, CBD, etc.

Subject	Action / task	Who	What*	Timeline
CO ₂ sequestration	compile submitted information on ongoing projects and experiences with the application of the specific CCS guidelines	Secretariat and other relevant bodies/agencies	identify and evaluate	2019
Marine geoengineering	evaluate GESAMP report along with any additional information on marine geoengineering activities submitted by contracting parties	Scientific groups	evaluate	2019
Other forms of geoengineering with potential effects on the marine environment	compile information on planned and ongoing projects and assess their impact on the marine environment	Scientific groups	identify and evaluate	2019 and ongoing
Mine Tailings	evaluate GESAMP report along with any additional information on mine tailings	Scientific groups	evaluate	2019
Mine Tailings	inform on what other actions are undertaken by other bodies, e.g. OSPAR	Contracting Parties	identify and evaluate	2019

Subject	Action / task	Who	What*	Timeline
Marine Litter and microplastics	information gathering and review of existing actions and resolutions made in other international fora/competent bodies of relevance to the mandate of LC/LP (2 years)	Scientific groups and governing bodies	identify and evaluate	2018 and ongoing
Waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea	consider whether there is a need for further actions on this topic (3 years)	Governing bodies and Scientific Groups	evaluate and respond	2018
Deep-seabed mining in the Area	provide existing expertise with regard to waste assessment to ISA, within the timeframe (2020); communicating guidance, expertise, methodologies on the disposal of waste in the Area; evaluate relevant GESAMP report	Governing bodies and Scientific Groups	respond	2018 and ongoing
Deep-seabed mining in areas of national jurisdiction	summary of which seabed mining activities/projects are taking place in national jurisdiction; evaluate relevant GESAMP report	Governing bodies and Scientific Groups	identify and evaluate	2019
Waste prevention techniques	consideration of the consequences of new waste prevention techniques on the implementation of LC/LP	Governing bodies and Scientific Groups	identify, evaluate and respond	ongoing

* "What" relates to SD4.1 and SD4.2

APPENDIX 2

TARGETS UNDER STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

A. Recommendations

- 1 Request the Secretariat to develop, on an annual basis, a summary report with the data to be reported for each of the targets under SD1 and SD2 in order to assess increments of progress towards meeting the target.
- 2 Identify baseline, current year status information for the targets as at the adoption of the Strategic Plan to provide a basis for comparison.

B. Data sources and administrative activities related to summary-level reporting for targets under SD 1 and 2

Target under SD 1	Data source	Entity responsible for collecting data	Reporting frequency to governing bodies	Data to be reported for target
Substantially increase the rate per year of new ratifications or accessions to the London Protocol		Secretariat	Annual	Data available as of annual meeting of LP Contracting Parties

Target under SD 2	Data source	Entity responsible for collecting data	Reporting frequency to governing bodies	Data to be reported for target
By 2022: 75% of all Parties report	Annual ocean dumping reports submitted by LC and LP Contracting Parties	Secretariat	Annual	Data from final summary report of CY2019 data (most recent year for which data are available in final form) to be reported in 2022
By 2026: 85% of all Parties report			Annual	Final CY2023 data to be reported in 2026

Target under SD 2	Data source	Entity responsible for collecting data	Reporting frequency to governing bodies	Data to be reported for target
By 2030: 100% of all Parties report			Annual	Final CY2027 data to be reported in 2030
By 2022: 100% of all Parties with a national authority	LC and LP Contracting Parties	Secretariat	Annual (new activity)	Data available as of annual meeting of LC and LP Contracting Parties
By 2026: 100% of all Parties with a national authority	LC and LP Contracting Parties	Secretariat	Annual (new activity)	Data available as of annual meeting of LC and LP Contracting Parties
By 2030: 100% of all Parties with a national authority	LC and LP Contracting Parties	Secretariat	Annual (new activity)	Data available as of annual meeting of LC and LP Contracting Parties
By 2022: 50% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Protocol	LP Contracting Parties	Secretariat	Annual (new activity)	Data available as of annual meeting of LC and LP Contracting Parties
By 2026: 75% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Protocol	LP Contracting Parties	Secretariat	Annual (new activity)	Data available as of annual meeting of LC and LP Contracting Parties
By 2030: 100% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Protocol	LP Contracting Parties	Secretariat	Annual (new activity)	Data available as of annual meeting of LC and LP Contracting Parties
By 2022: 50% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Convention	LC Contracting Parties	Secretariat	Annual (new activity)	Data available as of annual meeting of LC and LP Contracting Parties
By 2026: 75% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or	LC Contracting Parties	Secretariat	Annual (new activity)	Data available as of annual meeting of LC and LP Contracting Parties

Target under SD 2	Data source	Entity responsible for collecting data	Reporting frequency to governing bodies	Data to be reported for target
regulatory authorities to implement the London Convention				
By 2030: 100% of Parties with appropriate domestic legislative or regulatory authorities to implement the London Convention	LC Contracting Parties	Secretariat	Annual (new activity)	Data available as of annual meeting of LC and LP Contracting Parties
By 2022: The London Protocol Compliance Group has 15 members representing all five United Nations regions		Secretariat	Annual	Data available as of annual meeting of LC and LP Contracting Parties

ANNEX 3

JOINT WORK PROGRAMME OF THE SCIENTIFIC GROUPS (2018-2019)

SD	Description	2018	2019	2020	Target completion date
SD 2, SD 3	<p>WASTE ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the Specific Guidance for platforms and other man-made structures at sea - Development of recommendations regarding fibreglass vessels - Guidance on disposal site selection and marine cumulative effects assessment - Overview of waste prevention techniques - Review of and experience with practical implementation of the WAGs 	M	H	L	2019
		M	H	L	2018
		M	H	M	2018
		M	L	L	2018
		M	M	M	ONGOING
	MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT				
SD 2	- Assess field monitoring reports	H	H	H	ONGOING
SD 2	- Research results, new techniques, strategies, etc.	M	M	M	ONGOING
SD 3	- Contribution to the United Nations Regular Process (World Ocean Assessment)	L	L	L	OINGOING
	CO₂ SEQUESTRATION				
SD 2, SD 4	- Experience with practical implementation of the CO ₂ Sequestration Guidelines and with CO ₂ sequestration technologies and their application	M	M	M	ONGOING

SD 2, SD 4	MARINE GEOENGINEERING - Keep under review the marine environmental implications of marine geoengineering	L	L	L	ONGOING
SD 1, SD 2, SD 4*	TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE - "Barriers to Compliance" Project – review of the Implementation Plan	M	M	M	ONGOING
	- Regional and national workshops and evaluation of feedback questionnaires	M	M	M	ONGOING
	- Technical advice to specific countries, including "twinning" and lead-country arrangements	M	M	M	ONGOING
	- Implementation of a communication strategy for London Protocol Manual	L	L	L	ONGOING
	- Improvement/update of the LC/LP website	M	M	M	ONGOING
SD 2, SD 4	HABITAT MODIFICATION/ENHANCEMENT - Beneficial use of waste or other materials	M	M	M	ONGOING
	- Experience with habitat enhancement	M	M	M	ONGOING
SD 2	REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENT OF REPORTING - Review of dumping reports	H	H	H	ONGOING
	- Review of reporting requirements	M	M	M	ONGOING
	- Assess trial of new format	H	M	L	2018

	- Implementation of the online reporting module for GISIS (building on work of the review of reporting requirements)	M	L		2018
	- Collaboration with other international bodies	M	M	M	ONGOING
	- Collaboration with the LP Compliance Group	M	M	M	ONGOING
SD 2	MATTERS RELATED TO RADIOACTIVE WASTES				ONGOING
SD 2, SD 3, SD 4	COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION				
	- Cooperation with other United Nations agencies and industry organizations, as appropriate, with regard to:				
	1. Discharge of tailings and associated wastes into coastal and oceanic waters from mining operations	H	M	L	2019
	2. Marine litter and microplastics (LC/LP-relevant issues only)	M	M	M	2019
	3. Chemical munitions dumped at sea	M	M	L	2018
	4. Deep seabed mining	L	L	L	2018
	- Underwater noise from anthropogenic sources (LC/LP-related issues only)	L	L	L	ONGOING
SD 2, SD 3	GUIDELINES, MANUALS, BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE	M	M	M	ONGOING
SD 2, SD 3, SD 4	SCIENCE/TECHNICAL SESSION: ISSUE-FOCUSED DAY	M	M	M	ONGOING

	REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME				
	- Review Scientific Groups' Work Programme	M	M	M	ANNUAL
	- Support the implementation of the Strategic Plan	H	M	M	ONGOING

Legend:

H high-priority item
M medium-priority item
L low-priority item

SD Strategic Direction (as per the 2016 Strategic Plan)

* Relates to work of the Scientific Groups only

ANNEX 4

FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE COMPLIANCE GROUP UNDER THE 1996 PROTOCOL TO THE LONDON CONVENTION 1972

The following work programme of the Compliance Group up to and including its 11th session in 2018 was approved at the 12th Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol, held at IMO from 9 to 13 October 2017. The future work programme is as follows:

- .1 treat individual submissions of possible non-compliance as a priority in the work programme when they arise;
- .2 continue working relationships with other relevant LP groups;
- .3 continue to review dumping reports referred to the Compliance Group pursuant to paragraph 6.2 of the CPM, including where concerns have been identified by the LP Scientific Group;
- .4 consistent with the CPM, assist non-Contracting Parties requesting support in acceding to the Protocol;
- .5 assist Contracting Parties to meet compliance obligations, and support interested non-Contracting Parties in strengthening reporting and other requirements that would facilitate their accession to the Protocol;
- .6 continue to identify and review the factors contributing to the difficulties experienced by Contracting Parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations under article 9.4.1 of the Protocol; identify and review the factors contributing to the difficulties experienced by Contracting Parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations under article 9.4.2 of the Protocol; identify options to address those factors; and make recommendations for improving the rate of reporting under the Protocol and keep under review the presentation of the information contained in the reports;
- .7 examine reports received under all relevant LP articles, use these results in combination with historical documents to clarify the intention behind these requirements, and develop materials to facilitate compliance with these reporting requirements;
- .8 ensure historical documents related to the development of the London Protocol are available to Contracting Parties;
- .9 review and develop materials and inputs regarding its role in compliance promotion in collaboration with the Secretariat;
- .10 facilitate the creation of tools to support the development of implementing legislation for the London Protocol; and
- .11 consider emerging issues that may represent potential incidents of non-compliance, and make recommendations to the governing body as appropriate.