

**AGREEMENT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)  
AND  
THE COMMISSION ON THE PROTECTION OF  
THE BLACK SEA AGAINST POLLUTION (BSC)**

1 The International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "IMO") and the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (hereinafter referred to as "BSC") will consult each other on matters of common interest with a view to ensuring maximum coordination of the work and activities in respect of such matters.

2 Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, the Secretary-General of IMO and the Executive Director of the Permanent Secretariat of BSC (BSC PS) will exchange information and keep each other fully informed of projected activities and programmes of work in fields of common interest. Accordingly, when either entity proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other has or may have a substantial interest, consultation will be initiated between the two with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account their respective responsibilities and any decisions or wishes of the appropriate governing bodies of the respective entities.

3 The Secretary-General of IMO will invite the Executive Director of BSC PS to send representatives to observe meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of IMO to consider matters in which BSC has an interest, in accordance with procedures applicable to each meeting or conference. Conversely, the Executive Director of BSC PS will invite the Secretary-General of IMO to send observers to meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of BSC to consider matters in which IMO has an interest, in accordance with the procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.

4 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Executive Director of BSC PS may consult on the use of personnel, material, services, equipment and facilities for joint undertakings which may be agreed between them in the fields of common interest to IMO and BSC.

5 IMO will, at the request of BSC, render assistance to BSC with respect to matters within the scope of activities of BSC; and BSC will, at the request of IMO, render assistance to IMO in matters falling within the scope of IMO's activities. Where assistance, which is required by either party under the terms of this Agreement, involves substantial expenditure, consultation will take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner for meeting such expenditure.

6 It is further agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall bind any of the Member States of BSC jointly or severally. Similarly, the Agreement shall not bind any of the Member States of IMO jointly or severally.

7 This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Secretary-General of IMO and the Executive Director of BSC PS.

8 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Executive Director of BSC PS may terminate this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party.

9 This Agreement shall enter into force on its approval by the Assembly of IMO and the appropriate body of BSC.

Agreed for BSC by:



AHMET ERKAN KIDEYS  
Executive Director of BSC PS

Agreed for IMO by:



E.E. MITROPOULOS  
Secretary-General

Date: 16 Dec 2009

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