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### QUESTIONNAIRE ON ANNEX IV OF MARPOL 73/78

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its forty-second session (2 to 6 November 1998), discussed the matter of revision of Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78. Recognizing that 25 years have elapsed since the Annex was adopted and taking into account that 72 States have already accepted the Annex, the Committee agreed that further efforts should be made to bring the Annex into force.

2 In the course of discussion, the Committee considered the responses from eleven Member States and one Associate Member to the questionnaire on Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 (MEPC/Circ.338), which was circulated on 2 December 1997, with the aim of establishing the reasons why many Member States have not accepted the Annex. After an exchange of views, the Committee agreed that, in order to make further progress on the revision of Annex IV, evaluation of the problems faced by Member States in accepting the Annex is necessary and, therefore, decided to encourage Member Governments to respond to the aforementioned questionnaire.

3 Member States which have not responded to the questionnaire are urged to do so before the end of February 1999 so that a more comprehensive summary could be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration by the Committee at its forty-third session (28 June to 2 July 1999).

4 The questionnaire on Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 (MEPC/Circ. 338) is reproduced as attached. Administrations are requested to send their responses before the end of February 1999 to:

The Director  
Marine Environment Division  
International Maritime Organization  
4 Albert Embankment  
London SE1 7SR  
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**ANNEX**

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**1 Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**2 Does your Government have an intention to accept Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 in the near future? YES/NO**

**3 If no, please specify reasons or any obstacles for your Government to accept Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78.**

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**4 If yes, when do you expect your Government to accept Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 ?**

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