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**INFORMATION FROM CONTRACTING STATES TO MARPOL ANNEX IV TO THE
ORGANIZATION OF REGULATIONS ON DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE IN WATERS
UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION AND AVAILABLE RECEPTION FACILITIES
IN THEIR PORTS**

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its forty-fourth session (6 to 8, 10 and 13 March 2000), approved the text of the revised MARPOL Annex IV (MEPC 44/20, annex 10) in order to facilitate the entry into force of the Annex.

2 In the revised MARPOL Annex IV, the provision of reception facilities may be needed if the Government of a Contracting State to the Annex requires ships operating in waters under its jurisdiction to comply with the requirements of regulation 11.1. If the Government of a Contracting State to the Annex decides to impose less stringent requirements in accordance with regulation 11.2, it would not be mandatory for the Contracting State to provide reception facilities for sewage.

3 MEPC 44 agreed to prepare an MEPC circular requesting Contracting States to MARPOL Annex IV to inform the Organization of regulations on discharge of sewage in waters under their jurisdiction and available reception facilities in their ports. The information will facilitate the implementation of MARPOL Annex IV when it enters into force.

4 The Committee, at its forty-sixth session (23 to 27 April 2001), approved the MEPC circular and the information format which is set out at annex. Governments are requested to send the information including future updates on their decision to impose more stringent requirements or introduce reception facilities to:

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1 **Country:** _____
Contact person/Organization: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Telefax: _____
E-mail: _____

2 **Does your country have regulations on discharge of sewage from ships in waters under your jurisdiction?** **YES/NO**

If YES, please specify the discharge criteria:

3 **Does your country have reception facilities in your ports to receive sewage from ships?** **YES/NO**

If NO, does your country plan to provide reception facilities in your ports to receive sewage from ships?

YES/NO
