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Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal**

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**Item 4 (a) (iv) (c) of the provisional agenda\***  
**Implementation of the decisions adopted by the  
Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting:  
Report to the Open-ended Working Group on:  
Ship dismantling:  
Abandonment of ships on land or in ports**

**Abandonment of ships on land or in ports: comments received  
pursuant to decision OEWG-IV/6**

**Note by the Secretariat**

Attached in the annex to this document is the response from Norway to the questionnaire on abandonment of ships on land or in ports, as contained in decision OEWG-IV/6.

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## Annex

### Response received from Norway

1. According to the Norwegian Coastal Administration and the Norwegian Ports Federation there have not been reports of abandoned ships in Norway in recent years. There have, been reports of temporarily abandoned ships, but these situations have been resolved.

Potential risk to human health or the environment from abandoned ships are primarily related to chemicals or oil that may be on board.

2. If an abandoned ship is considered to be "discarded", the ship is regarded as waste under the Norwegian Pollution Control Act, and the Norwegian Waste Regulations regulate the handling and disposal of the ship.

For your information, we attach a copy of the relevant provisions in the Norwegian Pollution Control Act:

**§ 37. Orders to clear up waste, etc., or to pay for it to be cleared up**

*“The municipality may order any person that has discarded, emptied or stored waste in contravention of section 28 to remove it, clear it up within a specified time limit, or pay reasonable costs incurred by others in removing or clearing up the waste. Such an order may also be issued to any person that has contravened the first or third paragraphs of section 35 if this has resulted in the spread of waste.*

*The pollution control authority may also issue an order to any person that was the owner of a motor vehicle, ship, aircraft or other similar large object when it was discarded in contravention of section 28, or to any person that is the owner when the order is issued, to clear up and remove the said object.”*

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