

5th Session of the Meeting of the LWG. 21 May 2002

In the morning, the open-ended working group on the compliance mechanism continued its deliberations until 11:30 am. Then the plenary session recommenced.

During the plenary session, Mr. Alistair McGlone, Chairman of the open-ended working group, reported on the outcome of the group. He said that agreements were possible in some areas of the draft document, however, a number of square brackets remained, namely in the following key areas:

- Triggering: there had been no agreement on the question of which entities should be able to trigger the mechanism with respect to another Party.
- Composition of the Committee: views differed on whether the Committee should be composed of Parties, or of independent experts.
 - Measures to be taken following the triggering of the mechanism.
 - Powers of the Committee.

Mr. McGlone suggested that further work be done to obtain agreement on the above outstanding issues. There was a strong support for an informal meeting prior to the COP in December, however it was noted that there will be some financial implications if such a meeting was held.

The LWG also discussed agenda item 5 on the enlargement of the scope of the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund. After some suggestions for amendments were considered, it was agreed that the document was to be submitted to COP for its adoption.

On the legal implications of the dismantling of ships, the LWG welcomed the comments and additional information provided by the IMO and UNCLOS on this issue and on its relationship to the Basel Convention. Parties were invited to provide further comments to the Secretariat by the end of December 2002.

Other issues discussed by the LWG included the following:

- The logo of the Basel Convention
- Work Programme of the LWG after COP 6.