

### **Decision III/24**

#### **Cooperation between the International Maritime Organization and the Basel Convention, in the review of existing rules, regulations and practices with respect to transport of hazardous wastes by sea**

The Conference,

Referring to decision II/24 of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties wishes to:

1. Request SBC to further strengthen its cooperation with IMO and other relevant UN bodies, such as the UN Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE), the Inter-organization Programme of Sound Management of Chemicals, and the International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS) with a view to bringing them to participate fully and to contribute to the work undertaken by the Technical Working Group on hazard characterization of wastes subject to the Basel Convention and to pursue work on harmonization of criteria for the classification of hazardous wastes.
2. Further request SBC to continue its cooperation in this field with the IMO as well as with other intergovernmental organizations, in particular, OECD and the European Commission;
3. Also request that the cooperation of SBC on the subject of harmonization of criteria for the classification of hazardous wastes be extended to concerned non-governmental organizations and the private sector, particularly the Council of the Federation of European Chemical Industries (CEFIC); the Oil Companies' European Organization for Environmental and Health Protection (CONCAWE); European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals (ECETOC), and International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA).