

VI/24. Technical Guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of the Full and Partial Dismantling of Ships

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision V/28 on the dismantling of ships,

Taking note of the outcome of the consideration of environmentally sound management of the full and partial dismantling of ships by both the Technical Working Group and the Legal Working Group,

Noting the need to improve the standard of ship dismantling worldwide,

Welcoming the finalization and adoption by the Technical Working Group of the Technical Guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of the Full and Partial Dismantling of Ships,

Noting with appreciation the leading roles of Norway, the Netherlands and India with support from others,

Recognizing the importance of the implementation of the Technical Guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of the Full and Partial Dismantling of Ships,

Recognizing also the longstanding expertise of the International Maritime Organization on technical matters in the field of maritime safety, efficiency of navigation and prevention and control of marine pollution from ships, and the International Labour Organization's specialization in formulating a step-wise approach towards safe ship-breaking from a labour perspective,

Also recognizing that incentive mechanisms should be developed by Governments and other international bodies to stimulate the environmentally sound management of ships,

1. Adopts the Technical Guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of the Full and Partial Dismantling of Ships (UNEP/CHW.6/23, annex);
2. Requests the secretariat to disseminate the Technical Guidelines to Parties, non-governmental organizations and industry in all United Nations languages as appropriate;
3. Invites Parties and others to use the Technical Guidelines and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting, through the secretariat, on their experience and any difficulties or obstacles encountered in the application of the Guidelines, with a view to improving them as necessary and required;
4. Decides to place the legal aspects of the full and partial dismantling of ships on the agenda of the Open-ended Working Group;
5. Requests the Open-ended Working Group to present its recommendations on the legal aspects of the full and partial dismantling of ships to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
6. Encourages Parties and others, including authorities of dismantling nations as well as recycling yards, ship owners and flag States, to apply the Technical Guidelines;

7. Encourages the International Maritime Organization to consider establishing the necessary incentives for ship owners to request ship dismantling in accordance with the Technical Guidelines;

8. Requests the secretariat to report on the effect of the application of the Technical Guidelines to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.