New MoU between OSPAR and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on the promotion of the London Convention and London Protocol

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Issue: This document highlights OSPAR’s new MoU with IMO.

Background

1. This document aims to update the Collective Arrangement meeting on the new MoU between OSPAR and IMO on the promotion of the London Convention and London Protocol.

2. The Secretariat has finalised a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), on the promotion of the London Convention and London Protocol. The MoU focuses on the sharing of experiences with the application of the London Convention and London Protocol guidance documents and developing new or revised guidance; and implementing technical cooperation and assistance activities, where the experiences within the OSPAR Commission can assist new and prospective Parties in other regions around the world. A signed copy is available upon request.

3. IMO and the OSPAR Commission are committed to strengthening their partnership, specifically for the promotion of the LC and LP and issues within the scope of these treaties at the regional level. Purpose and objective of the MoU is to cooperate in promoting issues within the scope of the London Convention and London Protocol at the regional level to prevent marine pollution by dumping of wastes and other matter in order to protect the marine environment and promote the sustainable use and conservation of marine resources. The cooperation will focus on the following areas:

   a) promoting reporting and compliance under the LC and LP;

   b) ensuring free flow of mutually useful information (including data) between the two organizations with respect to the LC and LP;

   c) promoting, where relevant and appropriate, the development and implementation of joint regional workshops and capacity building activities in areas of mutual interests and within the scope of the London Convention and London Protocol;

   d) sharing experiences with the application of the London Convention and London Protocol guidance documents and developing new or revised guidance; and

   e) implementing technical cooperation and assistance activities, where the experiences within the OSPAR Commission can assist new and prospective Parties in other regions around the world.