

PROTOCOL I

PROVISIONS CONCERNING REPORTS ON INCIDENTS INVOLVING HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

(in accordance with Article 8 of the Convention)

Article I

Duty to Report

(1) The Master of a ship involved in an incident referred to in Article III of this Protocol, or other person having charge of the ship, shall report the particulars of such incident without delay and to the fullest extent possible in accordance with the provisions of this Protocol.

(2) In the event of the ship referred to in paragraph (1) of the present Article being abandoned, or in the event of a report from such ship being incomplete or unobtainable, the owner, charterer, manager or operator of the ship, or their agents shall, to the fullest extent possible assume the obligations placed upon the Master under the provisions of this Protocol.

Article II

Methods of Reporting

(1) Each report shall be made by radio whenever possible, but in any case by the fastest channels available at the time the report is made. Reports made by radio shall be given the highest possible priority.

(2) Reports shall be directed to the appropriate officer or agency specified in paragraph (2)(a) of Article 8 of the Convention.

Article III

When to make Reports

The report shall be made whenever an incident involves:

- (a) a discharge other than as permitted under the present Convention; or
- (b) a discharge permitted under the present Convention by virtue of the fact that:
 - (i) it is for the purpose of securing the safety of a ship or saving life at sea; or
 - (ii) it results from damage to the ship or its equipment; or
- (c) a discharge of a harmful substance for the purpose of combating a specific pollution incident or for purposes of legitimate scientific research into pollution abatement or control; or
- (d) the probability of a discharge referred to in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this Article.

Article IV

Contents of Report

(1) Each report shall contain in general:

- (a) the identity of the ship;