Sixty-fifth session
Second Committee
Agenda item 20
Sustainable development

Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: revised draft resolution

Cooperative measures to assess and increase awareness of environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea

The General Assembly,

Recalling the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm in June 1972,


Recalling relevant international and regional instruments such as the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, the Convention for the

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5 Ibid., vol. 1046, No. 15749.

Taking note of the final report of the ad hoc Working Group on Dumped Chemical Munitions to the sixteenth meeting of the Helsinki Commission, and noting that the Helsinki Commission, at its ministerial meeting held in Moscow from 18 to 20 May 2010, agreed to establish the Helsinki Commission Expert Group to update and review the existing information on dumped chemical munitions in the Baltic Sea,

Noting that Member States, international and regional organizations and civil society have undertaken activities to discuss the issues related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea and to promote international cooperation and exchange of experience and practical knowledge,

Noting also the concerns about the potential long-term environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, including their potential impact on human health,

1. Notes the importance of raising awareness of the environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea;

2. Invites Member States and international and regional organizations to keep under observation the issue of the environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, to cooperate and voluntarily share relevant information on this issue;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States and relevant regional and international organizations on issues related to the environmental effects of waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, as well as on possible modalities for international cooperation to assess and increase awareness on this issue and to circulate such views to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session for further consideration.

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⁶ Official Journal of the European Communities, L 104.
⁸ Ibid., vol. 1506, No. 25974.
⁹ Ibid., vol. 1648, No. 28325.