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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS,
1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

**2015 amendments to the annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International
Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (amendments to MARPOL
Annexes I, II, IV and V to make the use of the environment-related provisions of the
Polar Code mandatory) (resolution MEPC.265(68))**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the 2015 amendments to the annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-eighth session by resolution MEPC.265(68), and to state that he received communications from the Government of the Republic of Finland and the Government of Canada, on 12 July 2017 and 8 February 2018, respectively, as follows:

- "The Government of Finland has fulfilled the national procedural requirements for the entering into force of all the aforementioned amendments and can thus withdraw its objection."
- "Canada has now completed its national procedural requirements for bringing the amendments into force. Accordingly, Canada hereby expressly approves, under article 16(2)(f)(ii) of MARPOL, the entry into force for Canada of those amendments."

The objections by Finland and Canada to the above amendments were communicated by means of circular PMP.1/Circ.213.

The amendments entered into force for Finland on 12 July 2017 and for Canada on 8 February 2018, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(ii) of MARPOL 73/78.