## **HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 11/9**

Adopted 14 February 1990, having regard to Article 13, Paragraph b) of the Helsinki Convention

## NATIONAL REGULATIONS ON THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE IN NATIONAL WATERS

## THE COMMISSION,

**RECALLING** that the provisions of Regulation 7 of Annex IV of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1974, (Helsinki Convention), shall be applied to all ships from 3 May 1990,

**NOTING** that Annex IV of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), will not be in force on 3 May 1990,

**NOTING ALSO** that Regulation 7 of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention is only effective for ships flying the flag of a Contracting Party to the Helsinki Convention,

**BEING CONVINCED** of the necessity to prevent the pollution of the Baltic Sea Area by sewage from ships, irrespectively of their flag,

**TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION** that within the territorial waters national regulations on the discharge of sewage can be taken with regard to ships, irrespectively of their nationality,

**RECOMMENDS** that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention should implement by way of appropriate national regulations the provisions of Paragraph C of Regulation 7 of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention, relating to the discharge of sewage with respect to ships, irrespectively of nationality, sailing in their national waters.