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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON TREATIES .RE : TREATY  
RESOLUTION PREVENTION  
OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS.

DEAR SIRs.

IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE THAT TREATY BE RATIFIED , WE FULLY SUPPORT THE NEED FOR SUCH ACTION , IN VIEW OF RECENT EVENTS OFF THE COAST OF NEW ZEALAND . THIS TREATY ACTION INVOLVES SEWAGE POLLUTION BUT WE ARE OF COURSE CONCERNED AT OIL POLLUTION AS WELL . WE AGREE WITH THE MARPOL RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO SPECIAL AREAS, AS WE ARE A PARTY TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW WE HAVE THAT OBLIGATION. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS IN THIS IMPORTANT RESOLUTION. OF COURSE MOST VESSELS USING AUSTRALIAN PORTS ARE FOREIGN OWNED AND THE MEASURES NEEDED ON THESE VESSELS WOULD ALREADY BE IN PLACE . WE ARE CONCERNED AT DANGERS TO OUR ENVIRONMENT FROM OIL TANKERS AND VESSELS SUCH AS THE TYPE THAT IS INVOLVED OFF THE NEW ZEALAND COAST. THE BALTIC SEA WOULD NOT BE ANY MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SOUTHERN OCEAN REGION , THE GREAT BARRIER REEF , THE ANTARCTIC REGION ALSO . WE DO NOT HAVE THE ANSWERS TO THESE PROBLEMS , BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THE PARLIAMENT HAS. THE EXECUTIVE WISH TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSED TREATY.

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