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The intervention by the Russian Federation with regards to Article 8

General comment, reflecting our view of this article. The provisions of this article shall emphasize the need to strengthen monitoring activities to avoid dumping of waste into the marine environment from all sectors, to reduce waste dumping in general, and to take measures at the national level to prevent unauthorized open burning.

The article should not duplicate or overlap with relevant provisions of other international agreements already in force (for example, IMO Conventions).

In this regard we support option OP1 bis.

**OP1 bis.** Parties are encouraged to organize appropriate systems of environmental regulation and to establish systems of control over permissible environmental impact where they do not exist.

We do not support any upstream measures.

What could be potentially reflected in this article is the soft provisions encouraging States to take measures at the national level to reduce the spillage of pellets, flakes and powders. For example, as a result of transport accidents.

We could also support provisions, aimed at improving efficiency in emissions management, promoting scientific and technological innovation, in particular through enhanced cooperation among members, knowledge-sharing and technology transfer based on goodwill and common understanding, from developed to developing countries.

Emissions control and rationing should be moved to the national level.