OSPAR Decision 2005/01 Amending OSPAR Decision 2000/2 on a Harmonised Mandatory Control System for the Use and Reduction of the Discharge of Offshore Chemicals

RECALLING Article 5 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North East Atlantic ("OSPAR Convention") in which Contracting Parties agree to take jointly all possible steps to prevent and eliminate pollution from offshore sources;

RECALLING OSPAR Decision 2000/2 on a Harmonized Mandatory Control System for the Use and Reduction of the Discharge of Offshore Chemicals;

NOTING that OSPAR Decision 2000/2 refers to the OSPAR List of Chemicals for Priority Action as contained in Annex 2 to the OSPAR Strategy with respect to Hazardous Substances;

NOTING also that the OSPAR List of Chemicals for Priority Action is now set out in a separate document updated by the OSPAR Commission from time to time, and that the OSPAR Hazardous Substances Strategy, as revised by the Second Ministerial Meeting of the OSPAR Commission, now refers to that list, as up-dated from time to time,

WISHING therefore to bring the references to the OSPAR List of Chemicals for Priority Action in OSPAR Decision 2000/2 on a Harmonized Mandatory Control System for the Use and Reduction of the Discharge of Offshore Chemicals into line with the revised version of the OSPAR Hazardous Substances Strategy,

NOTING further the approval of a revised data-collection format for the Annual OSPAR Report on Discharges, Spills and Emissions from Offshore Oil and Gas Installations;

CONSIDERING that this revised data-collection format will provide an adequate basis for assessing the effectiveness of the relevant OSPAR programmes and measures, including OSPAR Decision 2000/2 on a Harmonized Mandatory Control System for the Use and Reduction of the Discharge of Offshore Chemicals;

WISHING therefore to bring OSPAR Decision 2000/2 on a Harmonized Mandatory Control System for the Use and Reduction of the Discharge of Offshore Chemicals into line with the up-dated version of the OSPAR Hazardous Substances Strategy, and to bring that Decision into line with that conclusion;

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT OF THE NORTH EAST ATLANTIC DECIDE THAT:

OSPAR Decision 2000/2 on a Harmonised Mandatory Control System for the Use and Reduction of the Discharge of Offshore Chemicals is amended by

a. replacing in paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 (criteria for pre-screening) the reference to “Annex 2 of the OSPAR Strategy with regard to Hazardous Substances” with a reference to “the OSPAR List of Chemicals for Priority Action, as up-dated from time to time”;