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Bindende internationale regler om skibsophugning på vej

Miljøkomitéen i den Internationale Maritime Organisation, IMO, har i dag besluttet at der skal fastsættes juridisk bindende regler for, hvordan skibe skal ophugges. Beslutningen er truffet efter pres fra Danmark og EU.

"Det er et kæmpe skridt fremad, at IMO nu er villig til at forhandle bindende regler om ophugning af skibe, inklusiv regler om håndhævelse. Vi har fra dansk side gjort en stor indsats for at få sagen på den internationale dagsorden, og resultatet i dag viser også, at det betaler sig, når vi i EU arbejder sammen om en fælles sag", siger miljøminister Connie Hedegaard.

Den præcise ordlyd i de nye regler er endnu ikke fastlagt. Næste skridt bliver taget i november, hvor IMO's generalforsamling formelt vedtager mandatet til den videre forhandling om indholdet af de nye regler, der skal indeholde krav til design og konstruktion, krav til ophugningsfaciliteterne samt operationelle krav til håndhævelse og kontrol. I tråd med det den danske miljøminister stillede forslag om i IMO i maj i år. Forhandlingerne skal munde ud i et udkast til juridisk bindende tekst, med henblik på endelig vedtagelse senest i 2008-09.

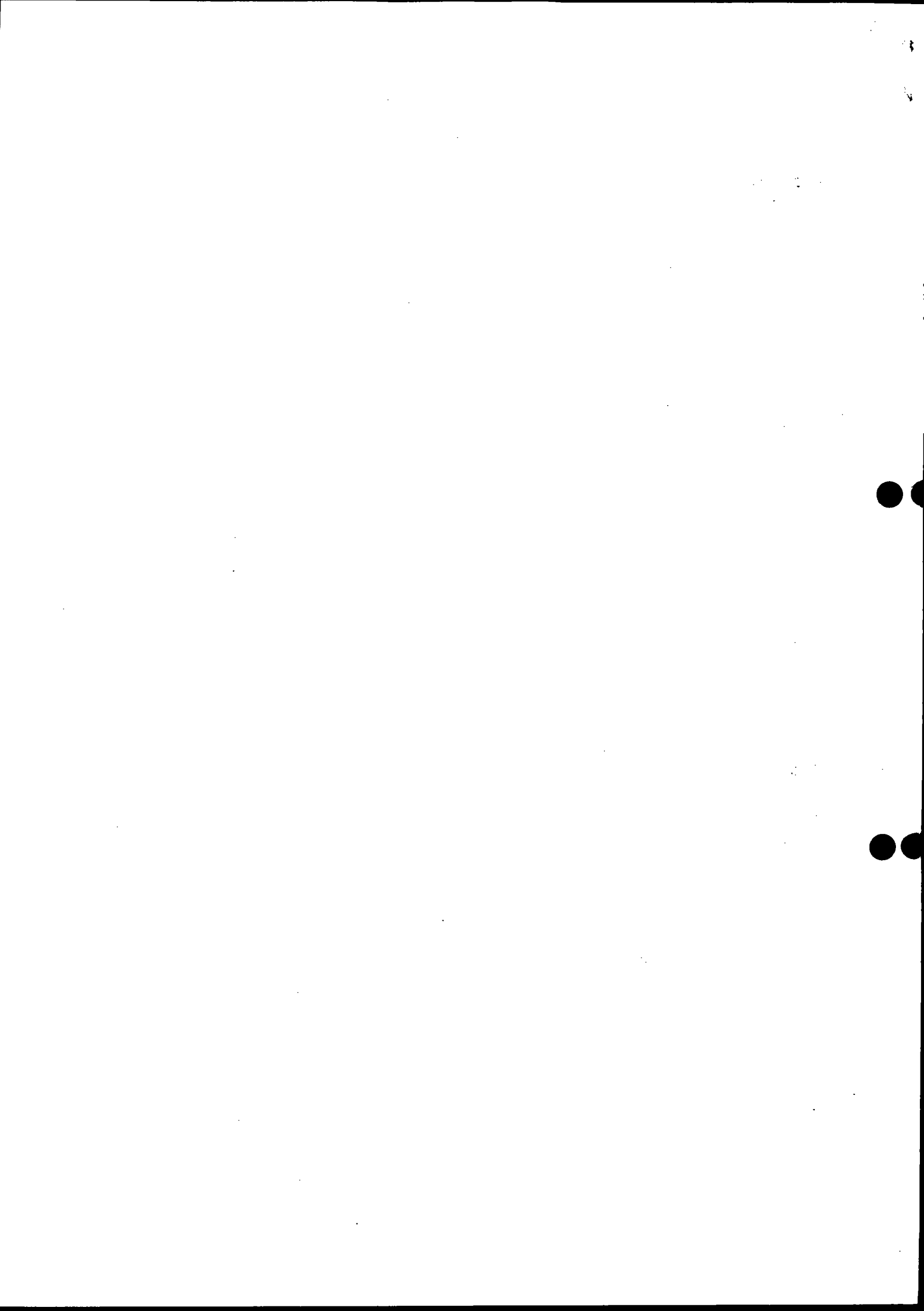
Danmark har arbejdet for, at de nye regler bliver så omfattende som muligt. Blandt andet har de danske synspunkter om miljømæssig forsvarlig ophugning samt kontrol og håndhævelse påvirket denne uges forhandlinger om rammerne for den fremtidige regulering.

"De nye internationale regler skal sikre, at ophugningen af skibe over hele kloden sker så forsvarligt som overhovedet muligt. Det gælder både i miljø- og arbejdsmiljømæssig forstand. Vi vil derfor blive ved med at skabe alliancer og presse på for at få et stærkt et instrument", siger miljøminister Connie Hedegaard.

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ANNEX 1

DRAFT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

NEW LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT ON SHIP RECYCLING

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety, the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships and other matters concerning the effect of shipping on the marine environment,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.962(23) by which it adopted the IMO Guidelines on Ship Recycling with the aim of providing guidance to the involved stakeholders as to "best practice", which takes into account the ship recycling process throughout the life cycle of the ship,

NOTING the roles of the International Labour Organization and the Basel Convention in matters related to ship recycling,

RECOGNIZING the urgent need for the Organization to contribute to the development of an effective solution to the issue of ship recycling, which will minimize, in the most effective, efficient and sustainable way, the environmental, occupational health and safety risks related to ship recycling, taking into account, at the same time, the particular characteristics of world maritime transport and the need for securing the smooth withdrawal of ships that have reached the end of their operating lives,

CONSIDERING that the above objective may be best achieved by establishing a new IMO instrument with a view to providing legally binding and globally applicable ship recycling regulations for international shipping and for ship recycling facilities,

RECOGNIZING the significant progress made by the Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its fifty-third session, in considering the development of the appropriate

mandatory requirements on ship recycling, including a preliminary draft of a possible structure for the new instrument on ship recycling.

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-third session,

1 REQUESTS the Marine Environment Protection Committee to develop a new legally binding instrument on ship recycling that would provide regulations for:

- .1 the design, construction, operation and preparation of ships so as to facilitate safe and environmentally sound recycling, without compromising the safety and operational efficiency of ships;
- .2 the operation of ship recycling facilities in a safe and environmentally sound manner, and
- .3 the establishment of an appropriate enforcement mechanism for ship recycling (certification/reporting requirements);

2 REQUESTS ALSO the Marine Environment Protection Committee to work towards completion of the above-mentioned draft instrument in the year 2007 with a view to its consideration and adoption in the biennium 2008-2009;

3 URGES Governments and all involved stakeholders, in the meantime, to continue to apply the IMO Guidelines, without delay;

4 URGES the Marine Environment Protection Committee to continue co-operating with the International Labour Organization and the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention in this field with the aim of avoiding duplication of work and overlapping of responsibilities and competencies between the three Organizations.
