

# COUNCIL OF EUROPE

## COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

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### RESOLUTION (74) 12

#### ON FURTHER ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE FUTURE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF INTERNATIONAL WATERCOURSES AGAINST POLLUTION

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 29 April 1974  
at the 231st meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to the draft European Convention on the Protection of International Watercourses against Pollution;

Having regard to the drafts of Appendices I, II, III and IV of the said convention;

Having regard to Article 29 of the draft convention, according to which Appendices I, II and III may be amended or supplemented in order to bring them into line with scientific and technical developments and to improve the effectiveness of water pollution control, by the unanimous decision of the representatives of the Contracting Parties on the Committee of Ministers and at the proposal of a committee of experts designated by the said parties;

Having regard to Article 25 of the said draft according to which Appendix IV may be supplemented by the unanimous decision of the representatives of the signatory states on the Committee of Ministers, at the request of a state intending to sign the convention or to accede thereto;

Considering that the work on the said appendices should be allowed to continue, pending the decision to open the convention for signature by the Council of Europe member states and, at a later stage, the convention's entry into force,

Decides :

#### I.

1. A committee of technical experts shall be set up whose members shall be designated by the governments of member states and whose terms of reference shall be :

i. pending the decision to open the convention to signature by the member states, to propose to the Committee of Ministers any modifications and additions which it thinks should be made to the drafts of Appendices I, II and III;

ii. after the convention has been opened to signature by the member states, to follow technical developments so as to allow, after the convention's entry into force, the modifications and additions which are thought necessary to be made to Appendices I, II and III, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 29.

2. This technical committee shall co-operate as required with other international bodies having comparable technical functions, in particular with the commissions provided for in the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft, done at Oslo on 15 February 1972, and in the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-based Sources, which shall be opened for signature in Paris from 4 June 1974.

## II.

A committee of experts shall be set up whose members shall be appointed by the governments of member states and whose terms of reference shall be :

i. pending the decision to open the convention to signature by member states, to examine all requests to include in Appendix IV derogations from the application of Appendix I and to propose such inclusions for adoption by the Committee of Ministers before opening the convention to signature ;

ii. after the convention has been opened to signature by member states, to examine all other requests of this nature to enable Appendix IV, after the entry into force of the convention, to be completed in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 25.