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## AMENDMENTS 1-46

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Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 1  
Recital A a (new)

*Aa. whereas there is a need for more EU activities in the field of marine protection, owing to the inability of the IMO and other global fora to act quickly enough to address environmental problems;*

Or. en

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Anneli Korhola

Amendment 2  
Recital B

*B. whereas the political objectives of halting the decline of biodiversity before 2010 and promoting sustainable use of the seas and protecting and conserving marine ecosystems call for the implementation of coherent, coordinated and cost-effective measures to **draw up inventories of** natural habitats, wild fauna and flora in the European seas,*

Or. fi

Amendment by María Sornosa Martínez

Amendment 3

Recital C

- C. whereas there is a need for ***proper coordination*** between the marine strategy and other policy areas such as the common fisheries policy, the common agricultural policy, the EU chemicals policy and transport ***and all legislative and non-legislative initiatives with a direct bearing on the marine environment, as is the case with coastal policy,***

Or. es

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Anneli Korhola

Amendment 4

Recital C

- C. whereas there is a need for a clearer description of the relationship between the marine strategy and other policy areas such as the common fisheries policy, the common agricultural policy, the EU chemicals policy and transport; ***whereas the relationship of existing practices, for example insurance practices, to the marine strategy should likewise be studied,***

Or. fi

Amendment by Camilo Nogueira Román

Amendment 5

Recital C

- C. whereas there is a need for a clearer description of the relationship between the marine strategy and other policy areas such as the common fisheries policy, the common agricultural policy, the EU chemicals policy, ***regional policy*** and transport,

Or. es

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Anneli Korhola

Amendment 6  
Recital D

- D. whereas there is a need for a much closer integration of environmental protection in the policy making and management of all sectors to secure biodiversity in European marine waters; ***whereas crossborder environmental impact assessments are an important tool particularly for the protection of the sea,***

Or. fi

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Anneli Korhola

Amendment 7  
Recital F a (new)

- Fa. whereas in the European Union there are certain particularly vulnerable sea areas, such as the Baltic, where an accident, were it to occur, would be extremely destructive and it is uncertain whether the environment could recover from the impact of the accident,***

Or. fi

Amendment by María Sornosa Martínez

Amendment 8  
Recital H a (new)

- Ha. whereas the enlargement process will increase the sea area and thereby bring greater biodiversity, the protection of which will require new and more concerted efforts on the part of the individual Member States and the European Union as a whole,***

Or. es

Amendment by María Sornosa Martínez

Amendment 9  
Recital K a (new)

- Ka. whereas some marine ecosystems are in a critical state, and whereas in particular posidonia oceanica beds are rapidly disappearing from large areas of Community waters,***

Or. es

Amendment by Karl-Heinz Florenz

Amendment 10  
Recital K a (new)

**Ka.** *having regard to the OSPAR Convention, which regulates in an integrated fashion the discharge of substances into the sea from land and from offshore installations,*

Or. de

Amendment by Françoise Grossetête

Amendment 11  
Paragraph 1

1. Welcomes the Commission communication ‘Towards a strategy to protect and conserve the marine environment’ and supports the need for a coherent, **harmonised** European Marine Strategy; notes that although the objectives are of an aspirational nature, some of them are not ambitious enough in respect of the time frame or the precision of the objective;

Or. fr

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 12  
Paragraph 3, first indent

- the precautionary principle including **the evaluation of** long-term effects of policies and actions, **in line with Article 6 of the Treaty**;

Or. en

Amendment by Jorge Moreira da Silva

Amendment 13  
Paragraph 3, indent 2 a (new)

- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), in order to integrate environmental and biodiversity considerations into mainstream decision-making;**

Or. en

Amendment by Camilo Nogueira Román

Amendment 14  
Paragraph 3, indent 5

- a regional approach taking into account *Atlantic and Mediterranean* regional diversities on ecological characteristics, threats as well as socio-economic aspects;

Or. es

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 15  
Paragraph 5

5. Asks the EU *and its Member States* to ratify as soon as possible the regional and international conventions and agreements that have not been ratified so far;

Or. en

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 16  
Paragraph 5 a (new)

- 5a. *Asks the Commission to take greater advantage of the regional options available under UNCLOS in order to act regionally to tackle threats to its marine environment (e.g. in the fields of air pollution, marine safety and climate change);*

Or. en

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 17  
Paragraph 5 b (new)

- 5b. *Considers that fisheries pose one of the most serious threats to the integrity and functioning of the marine ecosystem, and that the most important single action needed to reduce this threat is a significant reduction in the size of the Community's fishing fleets;*

Or. en

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Anneli Korhola

Amendment 18  
Paragraph 5 a (new)

**5a. *Calls on the EU to accelerate negotiations with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) with a view to the recognition of particularly sensitive sea areas within the EU;***

Or. fi

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Anneli Korhola

Amendment 19  
Paragraph 5 b (new)

**5b. *Calls on the EU to take a decision to join the Arctic Council, whose current members are the USA, Canada, Iceland, Norway and Russia and, among the EU Member States, Denmark, Sweden and Finland; considers that if the EU were a member of the Arctic Council, this would promote a shared Euro-Atlantic understanding of environmental problems and give the EU a significant forum inter alia for the ecological protection of nature in the northern seas;***

Or. fi

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Anneli Korhola

Amendment 20  
Paragraph 5 c (new)

**5c. *Urges the European Union to develop without delay agreements with Russia and other third countries with a view to adopting more uniform and stricter standards regarding the suitability classification of merchant vessels so as to improve the safety of vessels sailing through EU waters;***

Or. fi

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 21

Paragraph 6

6. ***In this context***, welcomes further work on sustainable fisheries, fisheries management and the effects of fisheries on the wider marine environment; ***urges the Commission and the Council to make immediate use of the new possibilities for action included in the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy agreed in December 2002***; supports further work on the interaction of fisheries with seabirds and considers that inventories and mapping [section 4.1(49)] will be critical to achieving effective integration of sectoral interests through marine spatial planning;

Or. en

Amendment by Jorge Moreira da Silva

Amendment 22

Paragraph 6 a (new)

- 6a. ***Recommends that fisheries and their environmental impact should be examined in more detail by the strategy, as fishing is the single most influential human activity on marine ecosystems, and overfishing is the principal factor damaging the ecosystems upon which fisheries and other marine flora and fauna depend. Believes therefore that the balance between fish stocks, fishing effort and the marine environment must be restored;***

Or. en

Amendment by Jorge Moreira da Silva

Amendment 23

Paragraph 7

7. ***Calls for the maximum sustainable yield to be defined in terms of stock sustainability rather than economic sustainability;***

Or. en

Amendment by Camilo Nogueira Román

Amendment 24

Paragraph 7

7. Calls, ***following objective scientific studies and assessments***, for the maintenance of fish stocks at levels that can produce the maximum sustainable yield with the aim of

achieving these goals for depleted stocks on an urgent basis, ***treating each species separately, since fishing does not wipe out species and therefore does not reduce biodiversity;***

Or. es

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 25  
Paragraph 7

7. ***Recalls the commitment made in Johannesburg in September 2002 to restore fish stocks to*** levels that can produce the maximum sustainable yield with the aim of achieving these goals for depleted stocks on an urgent basis ***and at the latest by 2015;***

Or. en

Amendment by Camilo Nogueira Román

Amendment 26  
Paragraph 8

8. Considers that in order to improve the knowledge base to which the communication refers in relation to surveys, science, monitoring and decision-making and reach the ambitious targets set out in this strategy, more ***technical, financial and human*** resources need to be made available;

Or. es

Amendment by María Sornosa Martínez

Amendment 27  
Paragraph 9

9. Expresses its concern that Action 2 appears to limit the Commission to the Natura 2000 network as the only tool to protect biodiversity and considers that the protection and conservation aspect of this communication should be put beyond the limits of the Natura 2000 network, which is restricted in the marine environment; ***suggests, accordingly, that the Commission draw up specific plans and programmes to solve practical problems or to ensure the recovery of particularly important species, such as posidonia oceanica, and ecosystems which are currently seriously threatened;***

Or. es



Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 28

Paragraph 9

9. Expresses its concern that Action 2 appears to limit the Commission to the Natura 2000 network as the only tool to protect biodiversity and considers that the protection and conservation aspect of this communication should be put beyond the limits of the Natura 2000 network, which is restricted in the marine environment; ***other appropriate measures worthy of recognition would include the commitments to the establishment of a representative network of well-managed marine protected areas in the North Sea by 2010 (Bergen Declaration) and the North East Atlantic Ocean (including on the high seas) and Baltic Sea in the context of the OSPAR and HELCOM Conventions (forthcoming Joint OSPAR/HELCOM Ministerial Declaration);***

Or. en

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 29

Paragraph 10

10. Regrets that the control measures of the marine conventions aimed at protecting the marine environment are difficult to enforce and asks the Commission to put more emphasis on implementation, reporting and enforcement ***of current regulations; in parallel, when drafting future regulations, more attention should be given to building in effective enforceability mechanisms*** [section 8.1(80)];

Or. en

Amendment by Marit Paulsen

Amendment 30

Paragraph 10

10. Regrets that the control measures of the marine conventions aimed at protecting the marine environment are difficult to enforce and asks the Commission to put more emphasis on implementation, reporting and ***uniform*** enforcement [section 8.1(80)] ***and to seek the earliest possible review of these old conventions, under which the sea is 'everybody's right but nobody's responsibility'***;

Or. sv

Amendment by Camilo Nogueira Román

Amendment 31  
Paragraph 11

11. Considers that stakeholder involvement, public participation and dialogue ***with the fishing industry*** are essential in the fulfilment of the objectives on biodiversity and sustainable use of marine resources including the further development of the marine strategy;

Or. es

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Anneli Korhola

Amendment 32  
Paragraph 12 a (new)

- 12a. Considers that protection should be based on adequate surveys of underwater nature and that sufficient funding should be made available in EU programmes for this purpose;***

Or. fi

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 33  
Paragraph 12 a (new)

- 12a. Considers that, as the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) lists certain marine species such as harbour porpoises and dolphins for special protection, then immediate measures should be taken to reduce the incidental killing in fisheries of such listed species, especially as this ‘bycatch’ is considered to be the most significant threat to populations of small cetaceans in EU waters;***

Or. en

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 34  
Paragraph 12 b (new)

- 12b. Is worried about the possible implications of the concept of ‘sustainable use of the seas’,\* if applied to whales and other cetaceans, and therefore underlines that the main aim of Objective 2 should be to protect and conserve marine ecosystems, to which***

***sustainable use of living resources will contribute, as sustainable use is not an objective on its own;***

*\*Article 6.2.g. of Decision No 1600/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2002 laying down the Sixth Community Environment Action Programme*

Or. en

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 35  
Paragraph 13

13. Stresses that in Objective 4 (hazardous substances) and in the related Actions (5 to 8) a clear time frame, in line with existing commitments, ***such as the cessation target of 2020 under the OSPAR Convention***, should be included;

Or. en

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 36  
Paragraph 14 a (new)

- 14a.. Expresses its concern at the fact that Action 9 deals solely with NOx emissions into the atmosphere from seagoing ships, and takes the view that the scope of this action should be broadened to include emissions of hazardous substances and other forms of nitrogenous substance;***

Or. fr

Amendment by María Sornosa Martínez

Amendment 37  
Paragraph 15

15. Expresses the view that Objective 7 (chronic oil pollution) should also address oil from land-based sources ***and vessels tied up in port*** which ends up in the marine environment; ***maintains furthermore that all action taken in pursuit of this objective should focus in particular on floating pipelines, oil platforms and filling stations;***

Or. es

Amendment by Camilo Nogueira Román

Amendment 38

Paragraph 15

15. Expresses the view that Objective 7 (chronic oil pollution) should also address oil from land-based sources ***and rivers running into the sea*** which ends up in the marine environment;

Or. es

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Anneli Korhola

Amendment 39

Paragraph 15 a (new)

- 15a. Considers that the Commission should initiate a survey of effective capacity for tackling oil spills in the EU's sea areas using uniform assessment methods and, if necessary, propose the adoption of rules or recommendations on minimum capacity for different sea areas, taking account of the particular conditions of the areas concerned and the volume of traffic in them;***

Or. fi

Amendment by Karl-Heinz Florenz

Amendment 40

Paragraph 15 a (new)

- 15a. Supports in the context of Objective 7 (Chronic Oil Pollution) the aims of OSPAR recommendation 2001/1 for the Management of Produced Water from Offshore Installations;***

Or. de

Amendment by Marit Paulsen

Amendment 41

Paragraph 16 a (new)

- 16a. Stresses the need to apply and implement more strictly Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste-water treatment (measure 9), as the lack of checks on waste-water systems is a far from negligible cause of eutrophication of the sea in coastal areas;***

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Anneli Korhola

Amendment 42  
Paragraph 16 a (new)

**16a. Calls on the Commission to examine the more than 200 recommendations for improving the state of the Baltic made by Helcom, the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission, and if necessary adopt rules binding EU Member States to comply with these recommendations; considers that the Baltic, one of the most polluted seas in the world, should become a priority of the EU's environmental policy now that all the Baltic Sea coastal states except Russia are members of the EU;**

Or. fi

Amendment by Véronique De Keyser

Amendment 43  
Paragraph 17

**17. Asks the Commission to strengthen the safety of maritime transport in order to protect the marine environment *through a radical change in the legislation concerning international maritime transport, which must be based on the concept of responsibility and sanctions, rather than on that of compensation, as is currently the case, and by implementing* fully without delay the conclusions of the Transport and Environment Councils in December 2002;**

Or. fr

Amendment by Françoise Grossetête

Amendment 44  
Paragraph 17

**17. Asks the Commission to *enforce the existing directives and regulations and to* strengthen the safety of maritime transport in order to protect the marine environment, to consider the related issues of liability and sanctions and to fully implement without delay the conclusions of the Transport and Environment Councils in December 2002;**

Or. fr

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 45

Paragraph 17 a (new)

**17a. *Asks the Commission to initiate a review of the provisions of UNCLOS (Article 91(1)) that deal with the link between ship and country of registration, in order to deal with the problems of flags of convenience;***

Or. en

Amendment by Patricia McKenna

Amendment 46

Paragraph 17 b (new)

**17b. *Welcomes the development of the ‘Clean Ship’ approach, which focuses on vessel design, construction and operation in order to eliminate harmful discharges and emissions throughout a vessel’s working life, addressing all vessel operations and possible impacts on the environment and involving recycling, waste prevention and closed-loop processes (Objective 9);***

Or. en